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At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1707.

~~Griffith Owen~~ his Book in y year 1754

THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania* being according to Law and Charter elected upon the Firſt Day of this Inſtant *October*, and the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties having made Returns by Indentures, wherein the Names of all the Members choſen to ſerve in this Aſſembly are contained, according as the Law in that Caſe directs, excepting the County of *Cheſter*, whoſe Members notwithſtanding appeared, and gave their Attendance; whereupon the Members being called over, a Quorum of them appeared this Day at *Philadelphia*, and choſe *David Lloyd* Speaker of this Aſſembly, who ordered the Names of the Members of the City of *Philadelphia*, and ſeveral Counties of this Province, to be called over as followeth, *viz.* 1707. 8th Mo. 14.

Philadelphia *County*.	Bucks *County*.	Cheſter *County*.
David Lloyd, Speaker.	*Henry Paxon*,	*Francis Chadds*,
John Roberts,	*Samuel Dark*,	*William Smith*,
Griffith Jones,	*John Swift*,	*Samuel Levis*,
Francis Rawle,	*William Paxon*,	*Richard Hayes*,
Joſeph Wilcox,	*Thomas Hilborn*,	*John Hood*,
Robert Jones,	*William Biles*,	*William Garret*,
Joſhua Carpenter,	*Ezra Croaſdale*,	*John Bethell*,
Samuel Richardſon.	*Samuel Beaks*.	*Evan Lewis*.

City of Philadelphia.
Francis Cooke, *William Lee*.

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, and *John Hood*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Aſſembly are met, and having choſen their Speaker, are ready to preſent him to the Governor, either this Evening or To-morrow Morning, as the Governor ſhall think fit. And the ſaid Members are alſo to acquaint him, That no Return is brought to the Houſe of the Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*; and to enquire, whether any be come to his Hand, or to the Secretary's Office, or not?

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, That they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to acquaint them, that he was ready to receive the Aſſembly this Evening: And he farther enquired if the Members were qualified. Alſo, by his Direction, they brought a Return from *Robert Aſhton*, Deputy Secretary of the Members elected to ſerve for the County of *Cheſter*, being that Part which the Sheriff had returned to the Governor.

Ordered, That *Samuel Beaks* do go to *Robert Aſhton* for the Laws of this Province, to the End the Members of this Aſſembly may be qualified accordingly.

The ſaid Member returned with the Law for Election and Qualification of the Members of Aſſembly; which being read, it appeared that the Members were to ſubſcribe the ſaid Qualification between the Hours of Nine in the Morning and Four in the Afternoon, and it being now near Five in the Evening,

Ordered, That *William Biles*, and *John Bethell*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that before the Return of the Members for *Cheſter* County was brought to the Houſe, the Hour limited by Law for the Qualification of the Members of Aſſembly this Day was elapſed; therefore deſire that he will be pleaſed to appoint what Hour, after Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning, the Houſe ſhall attend him with their Speaker.

The ſaid Members returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that altho' the Law directs that the Qualification of the Members ſhall be before they proceed upon Debates and Buſineſs in their own Houſe, yet he was of Opinion they might preſent their Speaker before they were ſo qualified; therefore he expected their Attendance this Evening.

And accordingly the Houſe went to wait on the Governor to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, which being ſomewhat long, he had deſired a Copy of it in Writing; and that the Governor was pleaſed to promiſe to ſend a Copy thereof to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

1707. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

8th Mo. 15. The Speaker, with the Members preſent, took and ſubſcribed the Declarations and Profeſſion of Faith mentioned and directed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Government, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate the Elections*, in Manner and Form as by the ſaid Act is preſcribed.

Thomas Makin, being this Morning appointed Clerk of the Aſſembly, was enjoined to Secrecy.

Robert Aſhton brought from the Governor a written Copy of his Speech made to the Aſſembly laſt Night, which was read, and is as followeth.

Governor's Speech.

GENTLEMEN,

'ALTHOUGH, as I perceive, the Choice of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly has fallen generally upon the ſame Perſons now as were in the laſt Year, with whom ſo much Time was unhappily loſt, by I know not what Influence, which might and ought to have been ſpent in the Service of the Country; yet I am now to look upon you as a new Choice, and you are to conſider yourſelves as entirely diſengaged from thoſe Differences, and fruitleſs Diſputes, which they very improvidently and unneceſſarily fell into, and maintained; and this you will find to be the firſt effectual Advance to Buſineſs, and without which it were in vain for me to meet you.

'I ſhall then, without any Deſign of Reflection upon the Proceedings of the laſt Aſſembly (for they will have their Weight elſewhere) but for the Benefit and Uſe of the preſent, in a few Words point to thoſe Rocks they ſplit upon, which you may eaſily avoid. The chiefeſt, and I think the Cauſe of moſt of the reſt was, the Aſſembly's being ſo fixt on and tenacious of every Thing they themſelves propoſed, tho' altogether foreign to the great Buſineſs then in Hand, no leſs than the reſtoring to her Majeſty's Subjects the Courts of Judicature, and reviving the Pleas and Proceſs, the very Eſſentials of a well regulated Government; that ſeveral Things, inconſiſtent with my Duty, tho' not eſſential, were put into a Ballance with thoſe great Rights the People then languiſhed for, which I do moſt ſeriouſly proteſt was my earneſt Deſire to paſs a Bill for, and was ready to agree to every Thing conſiſtent with the juſt Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in me for that End; and I doubt not but when you come to a Review of thoſe Affairs, you will find that every Thing neceſſary to the Eſtabliſhment of Courts has been actually conſented to, almoſt in the very Manner propoſed (altho' many Things in that Bill might have been found, at a Time when there was leſs Neceſſity for a Law, not altogether proper) and that it muſt appear very unaccountable to impartial Men, that the Houſe could not think fit to agree that the Country ſhould have any Courts at all, unleſs I would ſuffer a Bill, ſtuffed with various Matters, not anywiſe then pertinent, to paſs.

'I hope what I have ſaid will ſerve for a ſufficient Caution to you of falling into the like Miſtakes, whereby this Province, inſtead of enjoying the great Advantage and Benefit of the beſt of Conſtitutions, *to wit*, Aſſemblies, may have Cauſe to think them the greateſt Grievances.

'Gentlemen, what I have to offer to you for the Service of the Country, is to recommend to your Conſideration the preparing ſuch a Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts, that may conſiſt with Reaſon and my Duty to paſs, for certainly I ſhall paſs no other; and this I propoſe, not from any Neceſſity we lie under of ſuch a Law, the Courts being ſettled by as good Authority as any is derived from the royal Charter, but to convince you that I am ſtill truly inclined to give general Satisfaction by a Law, and to remove thoſe ill Impreſſions that have been made upon the Ignorant againſt the preſent Eſtabliſhment. And if any Thing on your Parts may be thought upon for the Honour and Service of the Country, I ſhall freely accept your Propoſals, and readily agree to whatever is conducive to that End, when I return to meet you again; for you know how manifeſtly the Affairs of the Lower Counties interfere with thoſe of the Province, by reaſon that her Majeſty's Service does immediately require my Preſence there, whither I deſign To-morrow, where I ſhall uſe all poſſible Diſpatch, and in the mean time it is neceſſary that you be adjourned.'

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that *John Hoſkins*, Sheriff of *Cheſter* County, be ſent for by a Meſſenger, to anſwer at the Bar of this Houſe for Neglect of his Duty, in not making Return of the Repreſentatives elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to *David Evans*, requiring him to bring the ſaid *John Hoſkins* to anſwer the Premiſes accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

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The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 1707.

Ordered, That as much of the Bill of Courts, prepared by the last Assembly, and laid before the Governor, as can be read this Afternon, be forthwith begun to be read distinctly, which was done accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *8th Mo.* 15. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. *8th Mo.* 16.

A Petition of *John Bethell*, jun. complaining that his Goods being lately seized to answer the Debt of another Man, and he thereupon making Application to the Governor and *Robert Ashton* for a Writ of Error, in order to remove the Cause to the Supreme Court, was denied the same; and praying Redress therein, was read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That the remaining Part of the Bill for Regulation of Courts, not read last Night, be distinctly read by Paragraphs, which was done accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the House do approve of the said Bill as now read, and that the Governor be desired to give his Assent that the same be past into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the other Bills, being nine in Number, which were prepared by the last Assembly, and laid before the Governor, be forthwith distinctly read:

Which being accordingly done, and the Question put, that the House do approve of the said Bills, and that the Governor be desired to pass them into Laws? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the said Bills be transcribed.

Resolved, That the Governor's Speech be again distinctly read by Paragraphs, and that a Committee be appointed to draw an Address to the Governor in answer thereunto.

The Sheriff of *Chester* County being brought to the Bar of the House, to answer for his Neglect in not making Return to this House of the Members elected to serve in Assembly for the said County, made his humble Submission to the House, and promised to bring the said Return To-morrow; and then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Three a Clock P. M. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. *8th Mo.* 17. *Post Meridiem.*

William Biles, a Member of Assembly, acquainted the House, That he had paid, by Order of the Assembly, in the Year 1704, unto *Nicholas Rosogan*, Door-keeper to that Assembly, the Sum of *Three Pounds Eight Shillings*, for which Sum he desired an Order upon the Treasurer.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue his Warrant to the Treasurer for paying the said Sum as desired.

A Petition of *James Heaton*, Prisoner in the County of *Bucks*, complaining of the great Abuses and Injuries he sustains by the malicious Prosecution and arbitrary Proceedings of *Joseph Growdon*, one of the Justices of the said County, whereby the said Petitioner and his Posterity are like to be ruined, and praying Relief in the Premises, was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Committee appointed to draw an Address to the Governor, in answer to his Speech, brought the same to the House, which being read, was, after some Amendments, agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

To JOHN EVANS, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the said Province in ASSEMBLY met, at *Philadelphia*, this 17th Day of *October*, 1707.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech.

WE have deliberately read and considered the Copy of thy Speech made to us the fourteenth Instant, and finding it to contain severe Reflections against the last Assembly, obliged us to inspect their Minutes and Proceedings, and we find they have taken great Pains, and used earnest Endeavours, for the Service of the Country, who, we are fully assured, were well satisfied therewith; so that we conceive this Sort of Treatment to be an Indignity offered them unbecoming thy Station.

Thou art pleased to tell us, That the Rock they split on was, their being fixed and tenacious of every Thing they themselves proposed, tho' altogether foreign to the Business then in Hand, to wit,

1707. wit, *reſtoring to the Queen's Subjects the Courts of Judicature, and reviving the Pleas and Proceſs*, &c.

8th Mo. 17. *We find by the Journal of the Houſe, that divers conſiderable Alterations were made to accommodate the Bill of Courts, in divers Reſpects, to thy Mind; and upon a Review of the whole Bill, the ſeveral Paragraphs of it having been diſtinctly read in this Houſe, we are of Opinion that it contains nothing foreign to the regular Eſtabliſhment and Well-being of the Courts of Judicature, but on the contrary, conſidering the Magiſtrates here are generally ſuch as have not been very converſant in the Law (and that the obtaining and continuing thoſe of greater Knowledge and Experience, will be both difficult and uncertain as well as chargeable) the ſaid Bill will be of great Uſe and Service to the Province in general, as well as to thoſe concerned in the Magiſtracy in particular, to whom, we conceive, it will be as a Directory for the Diſcharge of their Duties; neither can we perceive any thing in it inconſiſtent with thy Duty to paſs, nor (as at laſt amended) much differing from thy own Propoſals, ſave in two Points, the one about diſplacing of Clerks for Miſbehaviour, and the other about the Juſtices granting Licences, both which are agreeable to the Laws of* England, *that ought to ſupply the Defects of our own.*

If the People then languiſhed for thoſe great Rights, as thy Speech ſuggeſts, we entreat thee to conſider that the Repeal of the former Law about Courts came to thy Hands long before that Aſſembly were elected; and if the Aſſembly in being, at the Arrival of the ſaid Repeal, would not agree with thee to ſettle them by a Law, thou hadſt the Opportunity of doing it ſooner in the Method ſince taken and applauded; and if Blame was due to any on that Account, we know where to place it.

We do not conceive that the Bill is ſtuffed with various Matters not anywiſe pertinent, nor that it will appear unaccountable to impartial Men that the Aſſembly then inſiſted on what they did, as thou art pleaſed to ſuppoſe, which would render not only them, but the Generality of the Freemen (who, by a ſecond Choice, have ſignified their Approbation of thoſe Proceedings) very ignorant, as well as great Enemies to their own Intereſt; and were it true, they merit Pity more than Blame.

We are of Opinion, notwithſtanding thy Proteſtation of a Deſire to paſs the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts, and thy pretended Readineſs to agree with the laſt Aſſembly, that thy preſent Speech, filled with Reflections and Invectives againſt them, cannot be well reſented by the Country, nor be a prudent Method of beginning Buſineſs with this Houſe.

If the laſt Aſſembly had been guilty of the Miſtakes thou ſuggeſts, thy Caution to us would be more ſeaſonable; but they having uſed their Endeavours for a regular Eſtabliſhment, and ſhewed their Diſlike to the Violation and Encroachments attempted upon the Rights of the Subject, and we being reſolved to follow their Example therein, and do what we can for the Publick Good, there will be no juſt Cauſe for any to conclude, that this Part of the Conſtitution wherewith we are intruſted, will become a Grievance to the Province, unleſs we would concede that the Power granted us by the royal Charter ſhould be rendered ſo precarious as ſome would have it, ſubſervient to arbitrary Deſigns and Practices, leaving the Grievances of the People unredreſſed, and thoſe evil Miniſters and Officers that oppreſs and abuſe the Country, to go on without Rebuke.

Thou art pleaſed to recommend to our Conſideration the preparing ſuch a Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts as may conſiſt with Reaſon and thy Duty to paſs; and as thou ſeems reſolved to paſs no other, ſo we hope we ſhall never preſs or (ſo much as) propoſe it, tho' we cannot but take Notice, that thy ſuggeſting a Doubt to the contrary, argues a Diffidence in us before Trial, which looks ſomething uncharitable.

Thou art pleaſed to acquaint us, that we lie under no Neceſſity of ſuch a Law, and that the Courts are already ſettled by good Authority, only thou art willing to remove thoſe ill Impreſſions that have been made upon the Ignorant; if we were of that Opinion, we think it would be miſpent Time to do it by a Law.

But by the Complaints already laid before this Houſe of the great Injuſtice in thoſe Courts, and Abuſes and Injuries ſuſtained by the Queen's Subjects of late, in being denied thoſe remedial Writs, which even thy own Ordinance preſcribes ſhall be granted of Courſe, we are ſenſible of the contrary, and have good Cauſe to believe there is ſome Defect which (as thou art pleaſed to ſay in another Caſe) will, we hope, have its Weight elſewhere, if not ſpeedily redreſſed here.

And now to conclude, what we conceive will be for thy Honour, and the Service of the Country, is that thou will be ready to concur with us in paſſing ſuch Bills as may be truly for the Good and Benefit of the People under thy Care, eſpecially that the Current of Juſtice may be opened by a proper and legal Way, which at preſent ſeems much obſtructed, and that thou will conſider the ſaid Bill, with the others already lying before thee for that End; all which we underſtand were prepared and preſented by the laſt Aſſembly, tho' we find no Anſwer upon their Minutes either to the ſaid Bills or the Addreſs about the Newcaſtle *Impoſition, and other Abuſes then complained of; and if thou pleaſe to ſhew us thy Objections to any of the ſaid Bills, they ſhall have their due Weight. Hadſt thou favoured us with an Account of the Time we ſhould have met thee, we might have adjourned accordingly; but being uncertain how long Affairs may detain thee there, we have (unleſs thou think fit to convene us ſooner) adjourned till the nine-*

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teenth Day of November *next; and we hope and expect a friendly Meeting with thee, to proceed in the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bills, and ſuch other Matters as may occur, and be thought neceſſary for the Publick Good.* 1707. 8*th Mo.* 17.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, *N. C. D.* per

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſend the ſaid Addreſs to the Governor to *Newcaſtle* by the firſt good Opportunity; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 8*th Mo.* 18.

The Houſe being informed that the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of this Province, who were appointed Collectors of the Tax, had been very remiſs and negligent therein, and that a great Part of the ſaid Tax is yet uncollected;

Ordered, That the Speaker do iſſue his Warrant or Order to the ſaid Sheriffs, requiring them to collect the Remainder of the ſaid Tax forthwith, and that they pay the ſame in to the Treaſurer on or before the nineteenth Day of *November* next.

The nine Bills prepared and laid before the Governor by the laſt Aſſembly, and approved and recommended to his Conſideration by this Houſe, were tranſcribed according to Order, the Titles whereof are as followeth.

An Act *for impowering religious Societies, Towns,* &c. *to buy, hold, and diſpoſe of Lands,* &c.

An Act *of Privilege to a Freeman.*

An Act *to oblige Witneſſes to give Evidence, and to prevent falſe Swearing.*

An Act *to prevent the Sale of ill tann'd Leather.*

An Act *that no Publick-houſe or Inn, within this Province, be kept without Licence.*

An Act *againſt Menacing, and Aſſault and Battery.*

An Act *to prevent Diſputes which may hereafter ariſe about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Inſtruments and Writings.*

A Supplementary Act *for the more effectual raiſing Levies in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and appropriating the ſame.*

An Act *for the Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province.*

Thomas Makin having exhibited to the Houſe an Account of his Service to the former Aſſembly, amounting to *Six Pounds Nine Shillings*, for the which he has yet had no Satisfaction; as alſo for five Days Service to this Houſe, which, with a Copy of a Catalogue, and what was formerly allow'd *Richard Heath* for expediting certain Tranſcripts, amounts to in all the Sum of *Nine Pounds Five Shillings*.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant or Order to the Treaſurer to pay the ſame forthwith out of the publick Tax or Impoſt.

Nicholas Roſogan having ſerved as Meſſenger and Door-keeper of this Aſſembly the Number of five Days, at *Three Shillings per* Day, and deſiring an Order for his Wages, being *Fifteen Shillings*;

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Treaſurer for the Payment thereof accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the nineteenth Day of *November* next, unleſs the Governor think fit to requeſt their Attendance ſooner. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 9*th Mo.* 19.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *William Paxon*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is full, and ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he acquainted them, that it being now late, the Houſe ſhould hear from him To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Carpenter* do give the Treaſurer Notice to attend the Houſe To-morrow Morning at their firſt Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 9*th Mo.* 20.

Joſhua Carpenter reported, That he had communicated the Order of the Houſe laſt Night to the Treaſurer, *Samuel Carpenter*, and that he was now attending without to know the Pleaſure of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer be admitted into the Houſe, which was done accordingly; and being interrogated by the Speaker, whether the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of this Province, and the City of *Philadelphia*, had paid into his Hands the full and whole of

1707. 9th Mo. 20. the Tax they had undertook the Collection of, according to a late Order of this Houſe, whereby they were commanded to pay in the ſame by the nineteenth Inſtant?

The ſaid Treaſurer, for Anſwer, gave the following Account, *viz.* "That he had Yeſterday received of the Sheriff of *Philadelphia*, as Part of the Tax, the Sum of *Twenty-eight Pounds*; and that he had received Part of the ſaid Tax of the Sheriff of *Bucks* County, and had made up Accounts with him, which he produced to the Houſe; and that the Sheriff of *Cheſter* County had anſwered about *Fifteen Pounds* of the ſaid Tax, but brought in no Account;" and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Treaſurer have Notice to be ready with his Accounts of the Tax and Impoſt, in order to ſettle the ſame, ſo far as it is come into his Hands, or ſecured by the Collectors, and that he attend ſuch a Committee as the Houſe ſhall appoint to examine the ſaid Accounts? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to inſpect the ſaid Accounts, in order to ſettle the ſame, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

Ordered, That *William Biles* give the Treaſurer Notice to attend the ſaid Committee with his Accounts at the Time appointed for their Sitting.

Thomas Story, and *William Trent*, upon their Deſire, being admitted into the Houſe, the ſaid *Thomas Story* acquainted the Houſe, that they had a Meſſage from the Governor, which he ſaid was to deliver a Paper he had in his Hand, which accordingly he delivered to the Speaker; and declaring they had nothing farther to ſay, both withdrew.

But foraſmuch as the ſaid Paper was neither ſigned nor directed to the Aſſembly, and a Debate ariſing, whether the ſame ſhould be read or taken farther Notice of by the Houſe?

Reſolved, That the ſame be read, after the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer be inſpected, To-morrow, and that the Door-keeper give Notice to all the Members in Town to be preſent; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 21.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Order of the laſt Aſſembly, preſcribing the Method which the Treaſurer ſhall obſerve in Payment of the Provincial Debts, a Copy whereof has been delivered him by Order of that Houſe, ſhall be ſtrictly and duly obſerved by him; and that no Payments which have been or ſhall be made, contrary to the Directions of the ſaid Order, ſhall be allowed him upon his Accounts, unleſs any ſuch Payment appear to have been made before the Copy of the ſaid Order came to his Hands? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in order to inſpect and ſettle the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer, who attended according to the Order of the Houſe ſent him; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Griffith Jones* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; but not having Time to effect it, they had directed him to move the Houſe for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed farther in the Inſpection and Conſideration of the ſaid Accounts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

According to the Order of the Day the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to inſpect and examine the ſaid Accounts; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the ſaid Committe, that the Treaſurer attended the Committee with an Abſtract of his Accounts, whereby it appeared that he had in his Hands above *Twenty-four Pounds* of the publick Money; and that he alſo exhibited to the Committee an Abſtract of the Collector of the Impoſt's Account, by which Account the Committee obſerved that there was upwards of *Three Hundred Pounds* received and ſecured by the ſaid Collector (beſides what had been paid in to the Treaſurer) in Money, Obligations, and Debts outſtanding, whereof *Sixty-nine Pounds, Eight Shillings* and *Nine-pence Half-penny*, was in his the ſaid Collector's Hands; and that the ſaid Treaſurer had alſo informed the ſaid Committee, that he had not received above *Sixty Pounds* from the Collector of the City and County of *Philadelphia* ſince the ſaid Collector had been in that Office; that he conceived there was about *Four Hundred* and *Forty Pounds* of the Tax of the ſaid City and County behind, which was not yet paid into his Hands, if collected, and about *One Hundred Pounds* in the County of *Cheſter*; but that the Collectors of both the ſaid Counties had promiſed him to collect and pay in the Remainder with all poſſible Expedition: And alſo, that the Collector of the Impoſt had promiſed to exhibit to him a more particular Account of the ſaid Impoſt and Exciſe very ſpeedily, which, when come to his

Hands, he will be ready to lay before ſuch a Committee as the Aſſembly ſhall appoint to receive the ſame, as he alſo will the Accounts of the other Collectors as they come to his Hands; that therefore the Committee could not perfect the Accounts at preſent, nor make any farther Progreſs therein, until the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall exhibit more particular Accounts of the ſaid Tax and Impoſt, which he has promiſed to do in a ſhort Time; and the Committee had alſo ordered him to move the Houſe, that a Committee be nominated and appointed to inſpect and ſettle the ſaid Accounts when the ſaid Treaſurer ſhall have them ready. 1707. 9th Mo. 21.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer deliver the ſaid Accounts to the Speaker, when they are ready, and that the Speaker be deſired to haſten the ſaid Treaſurer in the Diſpatch of them, and receive them from him as ſoon as poſſibly they can be procured; and that he be requeſted to give the ſaid Treaſurer Notice of this Order forthwith.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Carpenter*, *Griffith Jones*, *Francis Rawle*, *Robert Jones*, and *Francis Cooke*, be a Committee to inſpect the ſaid Accounts, and ſettle them, and that the Speaker give them Notice when he has received the Treaſurer's Accounts; and alſo, that he be requeſted to aſſiſt the ſaid Committee in ſettling the ſaid Accounts, which, when finiſhed, are to be lodged with the Files of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee inſpect and reviſe the Minutes of Aſſembly when they are drawn up, before Publication.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that *Joſeph Wilcox* be appointed to draw up the Minutes of Aſſembly, in order to their being reviſed and ſettled by the Committee before appointed for that Purpoſe; and that he be alſo appointed to aſſiſt the Committee in ſettling the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer, and that he be rewarded for the ſame, as well as for his having drawn up the Minutes of the laſt Aſſembly, the Sum of *Five Pounds*? *Carried in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant or Order to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of the ſaid Sum, out of the Tax or Impoſt in his Hands, forthwith.

Ordered, That the Paper, brought Yeſterday by *Thomas Story*, and *William Trent*, be forthwith read; which was done accordingly.

The Houſe taking Notice that the ſaid Paper purports a Refuſal in the Governor to act or proceed in Legiſlation with this Houſe, until he ſhall receive the Opinion of the Board of Trade, eſpecially in Relation to ſettling the Courts of Judicature, in direct Oppoſition to his Speech made to this Houſe at their firſt Sitting, wherein he ſeems earneſtly to preſs the Settling the ſaid Courts by a Law; and the Houſe further obſerving the ſaid Paper to contain very abuſive and unjuſt Calumnies and Reflections againſt this Houſe, and having a Tendency to violate that Part of the Conſtitution of this Government, whereby Aſſemblies are to continue and ſit upon their own Adjournments, altho' the Exception in that Clauſe (whereby he would pretend to the Power of Prorogation) reſerving a Power to call the Aſſembly again at Pleaſure, renders the whole Pretence abſurd and repugnant to itſelf; and alſo, the Houſe having farther noted, that altho' the ſaid Paper was ſaid to be ſent by the Governor, yet that it was neither ſigned by him, nor directed to the Aſſembly, or the Speaker thereof.

Whereupon a Debate ariſing, whether the Aſſembly ſhould take any farther Notice thereof?

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That foraſmuch as the ſaid Paper is filled with bitter Invectives, falſe Charges, unjuſt Calumnies, groſs Abuſes, and baſe Reflections, againſt the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, in Aſſembly met; and that alſo by the ſaid Paper Attempts are made to violate that Part of the Conſtitution of this Government, whereby Aſſemblies are to continue and ſit upon their own Adjournments, the better to introduce arbitrary Power, and ſeeing the ſame was neither ſigned nor directed to the Aſſembly; that therefore the ſaid Paper be rejected, as unbecoming the farther Notice of this Houſe, and that the ſame be not enter'd in the Journal of the Aſſembly.

Nicholas Roſogan acquainting the Houſe, that he had not received from the Treaſurer the *Fifteen Shillings* lately ordered him for his Wages; and that the ſaid Sum, with the Wages ſince due for his Service, and Expences for Candles, *&c.* amounts in the whole to the Sum of *One Pound*, *Eleven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and praying an Order upon the Treaſurer for the ſaid Sum;

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Treaſurer for the Payment of the ſaid Sum, out of the publick Tax or Impoſt in his Hands, forthwith; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Eighteenth of the *Third Month* called *May* next, unleſs the Governor ſhall think fit to requeſt their Attendance ſooner. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 1708. 3d Mo. 18.

Ordered, That *Evan Lewis*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly are met, and are ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

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1708. 3d Mo. 18. The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings, where they were informed that he was gone to *Newcaſtle*; and that they alſo met with the Secretary, who gave them the ſame Account.

The Committee appointed to receive the Treaſurer's Accounts, reported to the Houſe, that he informed them, that the Collector of *Bucks* County had paid in the greateſt Part of the Tax he was to collect in that County; and that the Collector of the City and County of *Philadelphia* had paid the Governor *Sixteen Pounds*, and had brought in no more; but that the Collector of *Cheſter* County had brought no Part of the Tax of that County to his Hands ſince the Aſſembly's laſt Sitting.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Collectors of *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter* Counties, are guilty of great Neglect in the Premiſes, and that the ſame is a Breach of their Duty as Sheriffs; and that if they do not bring in their reſpective Collections of the ſaid Tax to the Treaſurer, before the tenth Day of the next Month, they be proceeded againſt according to Law; and then the Houſe (conſidering the Governor's Abſence, and Uncertainty of the Time of his Return) adjourned till new Summons.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 2. THE Governor having ordered the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and the City of *Philadelphia*, to ſummon the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, to meet him in Aſſembly this Day, the major Part of the ſaid Repreſentatives met accordingly; but there not being a Quorum, the Members preſent agreed to meet again To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 3. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, and *Francis Cooke*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, That the Aſſembly are met, and are ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

The ſaid Members returned and reported, That they had ſpoken with the Secretary, and deſired him to acquaint the Governor with their Meſſage, who had aſſured them he would do it forthwith.

The Committee appointed to ſettle the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer, reported to the Houſe, That the Treaſurer had hitherto neglected to deliver the ſaid Accounts to the Speaker, but promiſed to get them ready this Day; and then the Houſe adjourn'd till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Growdon, and *George Roch*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, That the Governor ordered the Aſſembly to attend him forthwith at the Council-Chamber. And accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor, and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, and, at his Requeſt, had delivered him a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as followeth.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. ‘THE Occaſion of your being ſo unexpectedly called together, is to lay before you the heavy Preſſures and Grievances we at preſent lie under, the greateſt that ever (I ſuppoſe) this Province as yet has felt, in having our River and Capes ſo beſet with the Enemy, that our Navigation has been rendered almoſt intirely impracticable, and the Loſſes that the Trade (the only Support) of this Place has very lately ſuſtained, by the unhappy Adventurer's and Trader's being ravag'd and plunder'd at his own Door, after the many Riſques abroad; and the real Danger we daily lie expoſed to, of ſuffering more from ſuch an incroaching and unreſiſted Violence, muſt ſufficiently ſhow the Neceſſity of taking Meaſures to drive ſo deſtructive an Enemy from that Station, which they ſeem to have taken up, thro' an Opinion, that they could no where commit their Spoils with ſo much Safety.

‘Whatever is to be done on my Part in order to this, I am ready and willing to perform; but as nothing of this Nature can, in my Apprehenſion, be carried on effectually, without ſome Supply of Money, and you, Gentlemen, at preſent make up that Part of the Government which is neceſſary to concur in the Raiſing thoſe Supplies, I hope I may with Reaſon expect, from our ſo unhappy a Condition, that you will, without any Loſs of Time, fall upon ſuch Meaſures as may enable us to put a Stop to ſo inſupportable, and I fear, growing an Evil.

‘The ſole End and Deſign of Government, is to maintain Juſtice, that is, to preſerve to every Man his Right againſt all Invaders: We have Laws againſt Thieves and Robbers, and we have Officers to put thoſe Laws in Execution; if they reſiſt, they are taken by Force, and by Force, when Occaſion, are obliged to ſubmit to the laſt Extremity; and without this there would be no ſuch Thing as Government: If then we find it our Duty in Government to ſuppreſs a private or particular Force, by all the Means neceſſary to

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'it, how much more incumbent is it upon us, as a Government, to ſuppreſs that Force 1708.
'which is deſtructive to the Whole. And now, Gentlemen, for ought I know, may be 6th Mo. 3.
'the very Time, by a prudent Diſcharge of your Duty, to prevent the utter Ruin of this
'Place; for unleſs a Check be given to their Boldneſs, to convince them we are not to be
'plunder'd with ſuch Eaſe and Safety as they ſeem to believe, we have very great Reaſon
'to fear that they may and will viſit us in our Houſes, as they have done to ſome better
'defended Colonies.

'Such is, Gentlemen, without any Aggravation, the preſent unhappy Condition of her Ma-
'jeſty's Subjects in this Government, which loudly calls for the Help of you their Repreſenta-
'tives, and which, I think, is in your Power to give, without offering Violence to any
'Principles, except ſuch as are againſt anſwering the End of Government, mentioned be-
'fore.

'I deferr'd calling you together during the neceſſary Affairs of your Harveſt, that you
'might with more Alacrity enter upon the Buſineſs propoſed to you, and I hope you will
'unanimouſly endeavour for the Service of the Country in ſo great an Exigence.'

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at Nine of the Clock To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Governor's Speech, and debate the ſeveral Paragraphs thereof; and alſo to ſettle the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 4.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Biles* give the Treaſurer Notice to attend the grand Committee with his Accounts this Morning.

The ſaid Member returned, and reported, that he had delivered his Meſſage to the Treaſurer; who told him he was ready, and would attend accordingly.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Governor's Speech, and to ſettle the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Griffith Jones* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters before them, but had not Time to finiſh the ſame; therefore had ordered him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Governor's Speech, and of the Treaſurer's Accounts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 5.

Ordered, That the Door-keeper forthwith give Notice to all the Members of Aſſembly now in Town, to give their Attendance at the Houſe immediately.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the Matters to them referred as aforeſaid; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, that the Committee had ſettled the publick Accounts with the Treaſurer, and had the ſame ready ſtated, to be lodged with the Files of the Houſe; and alſo had conſidered the Governor's Speech, and were come to certain Reſolutions thereupon, which were read, and approved by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be forthwith drawn, and ſent to the Governor, which ſhall contain the Subſtance of the ſaid Reſolves.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox* draw the ſaid Addreſs, and bring it to the Houſe at their firſt Sitting in the Afternoon, and the Speaker is deſired to aſſiſt him therein; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Addreſs ordered to be drawn this Morning, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech, was brought to the Houſe, and read; and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, *N. C. D.* and is as followeth.

To JOHN EVANS, Esq; by the Queen's royal Approbation Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the said Province, presented to the said Lieutenant Governor the fifth Day of the Month called *August*, 1708, in answer to his Speech made to the Assembly the third Day of the same Month.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

1708. 6th Mo. 5. Assembly's Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech.

THE Account we have of the Losses which the Trade of this Province has sustained, and the Interruption of our Passage in the Bay and River, is Matter of great Concern and Trouble to us, tho' it be a Calamity that befals the neighbouring Colonies as well as the Inhabitants here; but that an Enemy should be suffered so long to make our Capes his Station, and no Care taken (as we understand) to give Notice thereof to the Vice Admiral until those great Spoils were committed, hath been such a Neglect, as administers Cause of Dissatisfaction and Complaint; for we understand the Queen, out of her royal Care to her Subjects, and Safeguard of the Sea, hat given the High Admiral, and his Deputies, ample Authority to scour the Coasts of such Robbers, and to secure the Navigation of this, as well as the rest of her Colonies, and protect the Merchants in their lawful Trade.

We know that the People of this Province have not been wanting on their Parts, and according to their Abilities and Circumstances, to raise Supplies from time to time, and granted to the Proprietary Eight Hundred Pounds, *out of the last Land Tax, together with Half the Impost and Excise, and ordered the same to be paid to the Lieutenant Governor, for Support of this Government, and the Administration thereof; and we find that the Governor has received the said* Eight Hundred Pounds, *and that his Part of the Impost, &c. already collected and secured, amounts to above* Five Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds *more, which, with the Fines, Forfeitures, Licences and other Profits, arising in casual and accidental Ways, that have been taken by the Governor, or Secretary, in Behalf of the Proprietary, ought (as we understand) to be applied towards answering the Ends of Government, which the Queen, we presume, expects from all that will undertake the Administration thereof, in any of her Dominions.*

We know that when this Province was granted to the Proprietary, he had Power, at his Pleasure, to convey any Part or Parts thereof, and to erect Manors, and to reserve such Rents, Customs and Services, as he should think fit; in Pursuance whereof, he sold Lands to a great Value, and reserved Rents, sufficient, in a moderate Way, to maintain him or his Lieutenant answerable to their Station: Nevertheless, when his Exigencies have been such as required a further Supply, as in the Year 1700, *the Assembly assisted him by an Impost, for two Years, which amounted, as we are informed, to a very considerable Sum of Money, and a Tax of* Two Thousand Pounds *besides, which Tax and Impost, the then Assembly appropriated to his own particular Use; but the said* Eight Hundred Pounds, *and Half the Impost, so granted as aforesaid, are appropriated for the Support of Government, and the Administration thereof; therefore we expect that the same has been, or will be, so employed, and that the Governor and Council forthwith, according to the Power given by the Act, will oblige the Collectors of the Tax to gather the Arrears with all Expedition, and if what is so appropriated for the Support of the Administration of this Government will not be sufficient to answer the present Occasions, we shall, with all Alacrity, proceed to raise a new Supply for the Publick Service of the Province.*

For, as we partake of the Queen's gracious Protection to all her Subjects, so we hold ourselves obliged, in Duty, to give Supplies for supporting this Government, according to the Powers granted by the royal Charter. And altho' we do not pretend to direct the Way and Manner that the Governor did, or should, dispose of those Supplies, yet we conceive it our Business to enquire; and we do accordingly desire to know, whether they are applied for Support of Government? And we also request an Account of such late Indian *Treaties, and Messages, with the Charges thereof, as have not yet been laid before the Assembly.*

Signed by Order of the House, *N. C. D.*

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *William Lee*, *John Hood*, and *Henry Paxon*, do wait upon the Governor with the said Address.

The said Members returned, and acquainted the House, that they had delivered the same to the Governor, according to Order; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 6. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the Governor's Speech and the Assembly's Answer be sent to the Coffee-house for publick View? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke* do carry the ſame to the Coffee-houſe; which was done accordingly. 1708.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that *Joſeph Wilcox* be deſired to tranſcribe and ſettle the Minutes of Aſſembly, and that he be allowed for the ſame, as well as his Trouble in taking the ſaid Minutes in the Houſe, the Sum of *Thirty Shillings*? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* 6th. Mo. 6.

Ordered, That the Speaker draw and ſign an Order upon the Treaſurer, for the Payment of the ſaid Sum (out of the Tax or Impoſt in his Hands) forthwith, being for the immediate Service of the Houſe. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Richard Hayes*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly have waited this Afternoon expecting to hear from him; but it being now late, the Houſe deſire to know if he hath any thing to communicate this Evening; and alſo, that the ſaid Members do deliver to the Treaſurer a Copy of the Accounts ſettled by the grand Committee, and approved by the Houſe.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor; and that he was pleaſed to acquaint them, that the Houſe ſhall hear from him at their firſt Sitting To-morrow Morning; but could not meet with the Treaſurer, to deliver the Copy of the Accounts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 7.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to deliver the Copy of the publick Accounts to the Treaſurer, reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Ordered, That *William Garret*, and *Evan Lewis*, do wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to communicate to the Aſſembly; and alſo acquaint him, that the Houſe has waited long this Morning, in Expectation to hear from him, according to the Intimation given by him laſt Night.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, who acquainted them he intended to ſend to the Houſe forthwith.

William Trent, and *George Roch*, brought a written Meſſage from the Governor, being a Reply to the Anſwer lately ſent by this Houſe, which was read, and is as followeth.

From the GOVERNOR *to the Houſe of* REPRESENTATIVES, *in anſwer to their Addreſs of the Fifth Inſtant,*

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Reply to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'THE Diſtreſſes that her Majeſty's Subjects in this Province at preſent lie under, and the Plainneſs I have uſed in repreſenting them, would now, I thought, if ever, have obliged you to treat ſo important a Concern with the Candour that becomes Men of Reaſon, upon ſo pinching a Neceſſity; I could not but think it reaſonable to expect, that you would, if poſſible, come to ſome ſpeedy Reſolutions to put a Stop to the growing Miſchief and impending Dangers with which we are daily threatened; or if you ſhould find this (as, I think, it is not) impracticable, that then you would propoſe ſuch other Methods as you ſhould judge for all our Safeties to be moſt adviſeable.

'To have this effected, is ſo highly incumbent on me in my Station, that I muſt once more urge and preſs the Matter very earneſtly: And tho' I am reſolved to avoid ſpending of Time, as has too often been done, in fruitleſs Meſſages, and Returns to them; yet, leſt you ſhould think that what I have received from you ought to be taken as an Anſwer to what I laid before you, I ſhall, with the ſame Plainneſs, take Notice of each Particular of it, that upon maturer Conſideration you may think yourſelves obliged to fall upon Meaſures more becoming your Station, and the Weight of the Buſineſs now before us.

'I am ſenſible, Gentlemen, that the Calamity I have mentioned affects not this Colony alone, all her Majeſty's Dominions are by the ſame Means (as it always happens in ſo preſſing a War) in ſome Meaſure Sufferers with us; but what diſtinguiſhes us at this Time, is, that there is not one Colony in *America* that has ſo conſiderable a Trade by their own Shipping, and a Town ſo inviting to an Enemy as this, but what has ſome Kind of Proviſion made for a Defence, that may diſcourage an Attack or Invaſion; while our Nakedneſs ſeems to be as well known to the Enemy as our Name, or at leaſt our Situation, and encourages them to treat us accordingly.

'It would be happy for us, 'tis true, if we could reap ſuch a Benefit from the Authority (as you ſay) that her Majeſty, in her royal Care of her Subjects, and the Safeguard of the Sea, has given the Lord High Admiral, and his Deputies, as to have our Coaſt here protected by that Means, without any Concurrence of our own; but it is in vain, I doubt, at preſent to expect it: His Excellency Colonel *Seymour*, Governor of *Maryland*,

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'is now Vice Admiral of this Province, and has his Deputy in this Place, but neither of 'them has any Force at their Command, that I can hear of, which they could (if willing) 'employ on this Service. To depend on such Relief would be to amuse ourselves in vain, 'of which I cannot persuade myself that you yourselves could be insensible, even at the 'Time you thought fit to make that a Part of your Answer.

'But if it be intended, that I should have applied to his Excellency the Governor of 'New-York, upon the first Notice of our Losses, for Assistance from thence, I must in-'form you, that besides that I had no Right to crave it, further than what his Goodness 'might have condescended to, together with the first Account I received of our Losses, I was 'also informed, that both her Majesty's Ships attending that Government were then at Sea, 'and one of them had spoke with the Privateer no longer than a Day or two before he 'did the Mischief, but was prevented by the Weather from engaging, so that an Express at 'that Time, could not (as it then appeared) have been of any Service: And further, I had 'so great Hopes given me, of putting something in Execution so effectually ourselves, that 'such an Application at that Instant would have been needless; but this fell to the Ground 'for no other Cause than the Want of a Fund to bear out the Charge, all other Necessaries 'offering at that Time, with more Ease, and in greater Plenty, than has been known in the 'Place before.

'For my own Part, I was heartily zealous to do all that became my Station; and if any 'Step was omitted that we afterward found might have proved of Use to us, that being now 'past, it may be lamented, but cannot be remedied; but what Measures were or were not 'then taken, is not the Point now before us, those past Losses are not our only Grievance, 'we lie daily exposed to suffer more, and, without other Measures, as I have already fully 'told you, are in Danger of utter Ruin and Desolation; to find proper Means for prevent-'ing this, is the important Business that most seriously concerns us all; every Thing that in 'this World can be dear to us in a great Measure depends on it; nor is it to ourselves alone 'that we owe this Duty, her Majesty will expect it from us, lest by our Failure, so con-'siderable a Colony should be cut off from her Dominions: And this, I have already told 'you, cannot, as I conceive, be effected without some Supplies of Money, in which your 'immediate Concurrence is absolutely necessary; but instead of granting them, tho' the 'Occasion there is for them can admit of no Dispute, I am most surprizingly turn'd over to 'an Account of what the Proprietary has from the Beginning received by Means of this 'Province, without remembering any Part of his Expence; upon the Whole of which, 'notwithstanding when taken altogether, he is at this Instant, as I have great Reason to be-'lieve, very much a Loser, and has deeply sunk his other Estate by it, which was clear be-'fore; but I say, forgetting all his Expence, whatever has been paid, is reckoned up, as 'it were so much entirely gained, and being so, were to be accounted no Part of his own 'Estate, but must be laid up in Store for the Use of the People, and their future Exigencies 'here: To mention this, as the Matter really is, when divested of the Glosses put upon 'it to serve another End, is sufficient to expose its Extravagancy; but that no Shadow of a 'Pretence for declining so necessary a Duty as is now under Consideration may be left unre-'moved, and to prevent the like on all future Occasions, I shall here take Notice of all you 'have insisted on; and clearly shew you, that not one Particular you have mentioned is to 'the Purpose now in Hand: To begin then with what came first in Order, it is very rea-'sonable to believe that the Proprietary having sold Lands to a great Value, received consi-'derable Sums for them, and we find he has reserved a Quit-rent on them all; but then, 'upon Enquiry, I perceive, that in Consideration of the Money, and those Quit-rents, the 'Proprietary by firm, but common, Deeds of Sale, granted the Purchasers a free Estate of 'large Tracts of Land, which they, or some in their Behalf, now enjoy; and am told that 'there is not in any of those Deeds, one Warranty to defend the Possessors against hostile or 'invasive Force, or one Covenant that mentions Government, or the Support of it, in any 'of them all; but that *Forty Shillings* down, and *One Shilling* yearly, was the Considera-'tion paid on the one Hand, for an Hundred Acres of Land granted on the other: I am 'sensible, Gentlemen, I have been told of these Quit-rents once before, to the great Sur-'prize of those that heard it, and knew much more of the Matter than I could at that 'Time; but upon a full Scrutiny into the whole, by some whom it concerned, I perceived 'there could not be one Trace found of any such Compact, but in the pretended Memory 'of two or three Persons, who were noted to have stronger Prejudices than Reason, and 'who, in these Points, were not too much to be relied on; and was informed, that for the 'many Years before that this Government wanted Supplies, this Notion had never once 'been heard of, but was just then started, and perceived it to be greedily laid hold of, 'partly by some whose Narrowness made every Pretence to save Money very acceptable, 'and partly by others, to whom any Kind of Handle to obstruct Business, was no less 'agreeable; but was entirely exploded by such as were much better Judges, from clearer 'Reasons, and better Opportunities of knowing; so that upon the whole, Gentlemen, I find 'the Proprietary, and those concerned for him, account that these Quit-rents, and the

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'Government here, are no more related than his Estate in *Europe* is to that of *Great-Britain*; and therefore it is impossible for me to come at one Farthing of them to answer any of these Ends now proposed, which I desire may be a perpetual Answer from me upon this Head. 1708. 6th Mo. 7.

'The next in Course, being *Two Thousand Pounds*, granted *Anno Domini* 1700, of which, about *One Thousand Six Hundred Pounds* was to be paid by this Province, is as far out of my Reach; nor can I find, by the Act for raising it, that ever it could be strained to answer any of our present Occasions, were it in Bank at this Time; for it is alledged the Proprietary paid very dearly for it another Way.

'The Impost (whether great or small I know not) was then a yearly Support, so long as it lasted, tho' not for three Years, as you affirm; while it was paid, it doubtless had its Service, but it has been expired this many Years with all its Profits, and therefore now yields not one *Penny*.

'The next, and what comes nearer, is *Eight Hundred Pounds* granted myself, which I have received; and *Five Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* more, as you say, by the Impost; the first is true, Gentlemen, I acknowledge it; I have now been in this Government above four Years and a Half, and have received by that Tax, by your Computation, *One Thousand Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, which yet is not true; to which you may add, if you please, *One Hundred* a Year more, by Perquisites, which is also much more than they have amounted to, and thus you may make up the even Sum of *One Thousand Eight Hundred Pounds*, or *Four Hundred Pounds* a Year since my Arrival; this, at the present current Exchange, is *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds Sterling*, not paid in *England*, where it would be of much greater Value, but in *Pennsylvania*, where all *European* Goods are sold at near a double Advance, even in *Sterling*: I am not unwilling, Gentlemen, it should be believed (tho' not true) that I have received so much yearly for my Support, in the Administration of this Government, and yet have not one *Farthing* to spare out of it for the Defence of the Place, or other Exigencies, more than any private Man on the same Score, which I assure you is the Case; nor have I ever before heard it suggested that any Part of these Sums were designed for any other Purpose than my own Support, to which alone they have been converted; but much less that they were to defray the Charge of such particular Exigencies, for which, in all her Majesty's other Dominions, particular Funds have constantly been allowed, and their Purposes as particularly declared. For what remains of that whole Fund, you very well know how it was appropriated, and what Debts were to be discharged by it, which it is now found will, with the other great Draughts that have been made on the Treasurer, take up the whole, were it all collected; but when this will be, is but too uncertain, the Remissness of the Collectors being greater than all the Methods the Council can use have been hitherto able to remedy.

'Thus, Gentlemen, I have more largely than I at first intended made it clear to you, that of all the Sums you have mentioned there is not one *Penny* to be had to answer the pressing Occasion laid before you: 'Tis therefore immediately incumbent on you to resolve, without Delay, and let me, in clear Terms, know what is to be expected. I am not now asking any Thing for myself, it is for your own immediate Service; it is you, it is all her Majesty's Subjects in the Province, whose Interest and Estates lie at Stake, and therefore call on those in whom the Power of Government is lodged, for a speedy and timely Provision. My Willingness, who am concerned in the Administration, I have sufficiently expressed; it now lies upon you to advise and concur in what is necessary to be done; for without your Assistance you well know it is impossible for me to effect any Thing. I shall not direct you any further, only you may assure yourselves, that as this whole Business is the most serious that can in this World be proposed to Men, so it will be pursued accordingly; for give me Leave to say, that tho' you are the present Representatives, there are great Numbers of others, who finding their All engaged, will conceive themselves at least as deeply interested, and therefore will assuredly apply to other Hands for what they fail of obtaining from yours: I desire you to lay this, with the rest, seriously to Heart, and to consider, that it is Realities, and not Words, that are wanted, and give me your Result in express Terms as speedily as possible; for, after I have thus explained myself, there shall be no more spent on Messages on this Head, nor shall I be willing to receive any but what are directly and immediately to the Purpose.'

August 7, 1708. JOHN EVANS.

A Motion being made, that forasmuch as the Governor's last Message imports Matter of great Moment to the Inhabitants of this Province, and for that divers of the Members of Assembly are absent from their Service, therefore the House will think fit to adjourn for three or four Days, to the End the respective Members may confer with as many of the chief and most principal Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Province as they can conveniently meet withal (in the Interval) upon the Subject Matter of the Governor's last Message; as also

1708. to acquaint the ſaid abſent Members that the Houſe expects their Attendance at their next Meeting, all Excuſes laid aſide.

6th Mo. 7. *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will adjourn for four Days, in order that the reſpective Members confer with the chief and moſt eminent Inhabitants by whom they were delegated, upon the Subject-Matter of the Governor's laſt Meſſage; and alſo that they acquaint the abſent Members with the earneſt Deſire and Expectation of the Houſe, that they give their Attendance when the Houſe next ſits, without fail.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the Governor's laſt Meſſage be the firſt Thing read and proceeded on at the next Sitting of the Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the eleventh Day of this Inſtant, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

6th Mo. 11. *Poſt Meridiem.* THE Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Divers Members of the reſpective Counties, and the City of *Philadelphia*, acquainted the Houſe, that they had (in Purſuance of a Reſolve of this Houſe before the laſt Adjournment) conferred with as many of the principal Inhabitants of this Province as conveniently they could, upon the Subject-Matter of the Governor's laſt Meſſage, and informed the Houſe how they found them inclined, to the general Satisfaction of the Aſſembly: And that they had alſo done their Meſſages from the Houſe to the abſent Members, who now for the moſt Part made their Appearance, and excuſed their former Abſence, which being chiefly occaſioned by bodily Indiſpoſition, was allowed by the Houſe; and they took their Seats reſpectively.

Ordered, That the Governor's laſt Meſſage be again read, which was done accordingly.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the ſaid Meſſage, and debate the ſeveral Paragraphs thereof; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 12. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *William Paxon*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, That the Aſſembly are met, in order to conſider his laſt Meſſage, and that he may expect to hear from them To-morrow.

The ſaid Members returned and reported that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor according to Order.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to debate the ſeveral Paragraphs of the Governor's laſt Meſſage, and to conſider of a proper Anſwer to be return'd thereunto; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Joſeph Wilcox* reported from the ſaid Committee, That they had conſidered and debated the ſeveral Paragraphs of the ſaid Meſſage, and were come to certain Reſolutions thereupon, which being read, were approved by the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw an Anſwer to the ſaid laſt Meſſage, purſuant to the ſaid Reſolves, by way of Addreſs to the Governor, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to draw an Addreſs to the Governor, in anſwer to his laſt Meſſage, brought the ſaid Addreſs to the Houſe, where the ſame was read; and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY's ANSWER to the GOVERNOR's Meſſage, ſent to this Houſe the ſeventh Day of the Month called *Auguſt*, 1708, preſented to the Governor the thirteenth Day of the ſame Month.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage. *AS we eſteemed what thou ſignified to be the Cauſe of calling us at this Time to be a Matter of great Importance, ſo we preferred the Conſideration thereof before the many other Grievances, Preſſures and Diſtreſſes, that lie heavy upon this Province, while ſuch as are deemed, in great Meaſure, the Occaſion of them, eſcape unpuniſhed, and the Torrent of Debauchery ſeems to overflow the Place with Security, and the Hands of thoſe that would ſtop it, are weakened under the preſent Adminiſtration. We forbear at this Time to be more particular concerning thoſe Diſtempers of the State; nevertheleſs, we conceive it is our indiſpenſible Duty to mention them, as they are Matters of Complaint, until they are removed, being well aſſured, that the Continuance and Indulgence of them, will be a Means to bring down thoſe impending Dangers wherewith we are threatened, or ſome other Token of God's Diſpleaſure for thoſe Things.*

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That tho' the Proprietary's Power, as Captain General, has a large Extent, yet the legiſlative Authority of this Province is bounded by the River Delaware, *and goes no further down than twelve Miles on this Side* Newcaſtle, *and no Power given to our Governor by the royal Charter, or otherwiſe, as we know of, to ſet out Veſſels of War or Privateers: But inaſmuch as the River, and Bay below, as well as our Sea-coaſt, are chiefly under the Care and Command of the Lord* Cornbury, *who is Governor of the* Jerſeys, *and Vice Admiral of the ſame, therefore we think it not in vain for thoſe concerned in Trade and Navigation here, who depend upon ſuch Safeguard, to expect the Benefit of the Vice Admiral's Authority, which extends not only to fit out Ships of War, but alſo to arreſt Ships and Veſſels for the Defence of the Sea and Sea-coaſt, which none can do, as Governors, without ſpecial Commiſſion or Licence from the Queen for that Purpoſe: From whence we conclude, the Governor may be ſenſible, that if by all the Authority he could have, as Governor, he had arreſted a Veſſel, and fitted her out with Men and Ammunition, when he had thoſe Hopes of putting ſomething (as he ſays) in Execution, and they had taken the Enemy, perhaps they would have met with ſome more Difficulty than* Hurſt *did to make ſuch Caption a lawful Prize.*

This is not the firſt Time that Colonel Seymour's *Name hath been made uſe of to amuſe us; for we never heard that he exerciſed the Power of Vice Admiral in this River, but the Lord* Cornbury *does; and we are told, that upon another Occaſion, he convinced the Governor that he had ample Authority for ſo doing: However, we are well aſſured that he ſhewed a great deal of Readineſs to protect our Navigation, without any other Concurrence or Application but what he received from private Hands, as we are informed. And this we conceive that noble Lord did, not only in Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in him by the High Admiral, but in Honour and Duty to the Queen's Majeſty, upon whom the Law has put the Charge and Care of her Subjects Protection, in which the Merchants are peculiarly regarded, as may appear by many unqueſtionable Authorities; we ſhall here mention but one, which we think to be full to the Purpoſe: And that is, one* Bate's *Caſe adjudged in the Court of Exchequer, where it was agreed that the King, in his Prerogative, had the whole Dominion of the Sea, and that all the Ports were the King's, and that the King had the ſole Power to reſtrain or forbid the going beyond the Sea, the ſole Appointment into what Countries the Merchants ſhould or might trade, and into what Countries they ſhould not trade; and for theſe Reſpects the King was to maintain the Ports, to provide for the Safety of the Merchants, and to clear and ſcour the narrow Seas from Pirates and Robbers; for the doing whereof, was added the Tonage and Poundage by Grant in Parliament, and ſince then, divers other Duties and Cuſtoms, as we underſtand, have been given on the ſame Account; ſo that upon the whole Matter, it ſeems chiefly incumbent on the Governor of this Province, with reſpect to the Safeguard of the Sea, when an Enemy is diſcovered upon the Coaſt, to give the Vice Admiral Notice thereof: And ſince the Governor has the Third of the Forfeitures upon the Acts of Trade, we think he is, or may be, well rewarded, not only for his Care in ſeeing the ſaid Acts complied with, but alſo for his Vigilance in the other Part of his Duty; and if our Merchants could not reap the Benefit of Protection from any of the forementioned Supplies, yet the Trade of this Place being exempt with an Impoſt, and the Moiety thereof appropriated for Support of Government, we think they ought not to be put upon ſending for a Convoy, as we were informed they were forced to do at their own Charge.*

The Governor is pleaſed to intimate, that inſtead of granting a preſent Supply, he is turned over to an Account of what the Proprietary has, from the Beginning, received by Means of this Province, without remembering any Part of his Expence. As to the Supply, we ſhall have Occaſion to ſpeak of it hereafter; and as to the Proprietary's Expence, if any has been upon the Account of the publick Exigencies of the Government, he ought to be allowed for it; but as to what we mentioned concerning the Proprietary's Rents, and the Two Thouſand Pounds *Tax and Impoſt (which through Miſpriſion of Clerkſhip, is ſaid in our Anſwer to be for three Years, where it ſhould have been but Two) the Governor has no juſt Cauſe, from any Thing we ſaid, to draw ſuch Conſequences as he does, and endeavour to invalidate affirmative Proofs with bare Negatives: But we are ſtill of Opinion that it was much to the Purpoſe to mention them as we did, to ſhew that proper Meaſures have been taken to provide for the Support of the Proprietary and his Deputy, differing from the Means ordained for the Support of Government; it is not a Diſtinction of our own making, but what we collect from the very Expreſſions of our late Laws for Supplies. Then where is the Extravagance of what we mentioned on this Head? Is it becauſe we ſaid that the Rents reſerved are ſufficient, in a moderate Way, to maintain the Proprietary or his Lieutenant, anſwerable to their Station? We ſee no Cauſe to decline ſaying ſo ſtill: And what if we add, that we deſire the Proprietary would be content to live upon his Rents, and that Fines, Forfeitures, Eſcheats, and other Profits and Perquiſites of Government, ſhould be employed for the common Good and publick Service of the Government? It would not be without Precedent; for we find that the Commons of* England *petitioned that the King would live of his Revenues, and that Eſcheats, Forfeitures, and other Profits of the Crown, might be kept to be ſpent for Defence of the Kingdom.*

We are not willing to ſuppoſe, when the Proprietary was favoured with the royal Charter, and by Virtue thereof aſſumed the Government of this Province, and entitled himſelf to royal Mines,

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1708. 6th Mo. 13. *Eſcheats, Fines, Forfeitures, and other Profits (which in their own Nature are Rights of the Crown, and as ſuch ought to be employed for the common Good) that he intended to deck himſelf or his Deputy with thoſe Jewels, and not have directed them, and the other Supplies given for Support of Government, to be employed for the Good of the Publick, as Revenues of that Nature ought to be, but we rather conclude the contrary.*

Therefore we conceive, that as the Governor was employed by the Proprietary to ſupply his Abſence in the Adminiſtration of this Government, it would have been much ſafer for him to have laid hold on what he found uncollected of the Two Thouſand Pounds *Tax to convert to his own Uſe, than the* Eight Hundred Pounds, *and Half the Impoſt (given for Support of Government, and to defray the publick Charges and Exigencies thereof) which, with the Fines, Forfeitures, and other Perquiſites of Government (ſuppoſed to be much more than the Governor's Computation ſeems to make them) we think it our Duty to inſiſt, may be applied to anſwer the Occaſions of the Publick, before we proceed to the Raiſing of any new Supply, becauſe the Account we have of the former is nowiſe ſatisfactory to this Houſe, it being no Demonſtration at all that the publick Fund is expended as it ought to be upon the Support of Government, but directly the contrary.*

We have no Account of the Indian *Treaties; and the Neglect of gathering the Tax ſeems ſtill to remain where it was: Therefore we deſire it may be diſpatched, for it will prove inconvenient to lay another Aſſeſſment till that be collected.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke*, *Francis Chadds*, and *Thomas Hilborn*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Anſwer.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame to the Governor, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment 6th Mo. 14. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Henry Paxon*, and *Evan Lewis*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that it being the laſt Day of the Week the Aſſembly incline to adjourn about Noon; therefore do deſire to know whether he has any Thing to communicate to the Houſe this Morning.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, he intended to ſend ſomething to the Houſe before they adjourned.

Whereupon one of the Meſſengers acquainted him, he ſuppoſed the Houſe would wait his Pleaſure, tho' it were till One of the Clock, before they adjourned.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Governor's laſt Meſſage, and the Aſſembly's Anſwer, be ſent to the Coffee-houſe for publick View? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, and *William Lee*, do go to the Treaſurer, and deliver a Copy of a Vote of this Houſe of the Twenty-firſt of *November* laſt, touching the Method of paying the Provincial Debts; and to enquire of him, within what Time he can anſwer ſuch Notes as ſhall be charged on him by the Speaker, for the immediate Service of the Houſe, which will not be above the Value of *Ten Pounds*.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered the Copy of the ſaid Vote to the Treaſurer, and had alſo made Enquiry according to Order; but that he had given them no ſatisfactory Anſwer thereunto.

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, and *William Smith*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly has waited to receive ſomething from him (according to the Expectation given by him this Morning) till it is now late in the Afternoon; therefore do deſire to know if he has any Thing farther to communicate to them, otherwiſe the Houſe is inclined to adjourn till new Summons.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to tell them, he had nothing farther to ſay to the Aſſembly, but intended to take other Meaſures.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that *Joſeph Wilcox* be deſired to rectify and ſettle the Minutes of Aſſembly from the ſixth Day of this Inſtant incluſive, and ingroſs them in the Minute Book kept for that Purpoſe, and that he be farther allowed for the ſame, and taking the Minutes whilſt the Houſe was ſitting, as a Reward for his Trouble therein, the Sum of *Thirty-ſix Shillings? Carried in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the Speaker draw an Order upon the Treaſurer for the ſaid Sum, payable to the ſaid *Joſeph Wilcox* or Order, out of the publick Money in his Hands, it being for the immediate Service of the Aſſembly; as alſo that he draw an Order upon the ſaid Treaſurer

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for the Sum of *Two Pounds, Seventeen Shillings*, payable to *Nicholas Rosogan*, or Order, for his Service as Door-keeper to the Assembly. 1708. 6th Mo. 14.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign Notes to the several Members of this House, certifying the Time of their Service in the Assembly respectively, with the Amount thereof at the Rates allowed by the Law of this Province.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox* draw and sign a Note of the Speaker's Service in Assembly, with the Amount thereof, as the said Law allows.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed the Twenty-first Day of *November* last, to inspect and revise the Minutes of Assembly, do revise and inspect the Minutes since that Time, when engrossed, and the Speaker is desired to assist them therein; and then the House adjourned till new Summons. Adjournment.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1708.

THE Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania* being according to Law and Charter elected upon the first Day of this Instant *October*, and the Sheriffs of the respective Counties and City of *Philadelphia* having made Returns by Indentures, wherein the Names of all the Members chosen to serve in this Assembly are contained, according as the Law in that Case directs; whereupon the Members being called over, a Quorum of them appeared this Day in *Philadelphia*, and chose *David Lloyd* Speaker of this Assembly, who ordered the Names of the Members of the City of *Philadelphia* and several Counties of this Province to be called over as they were returned, as followeth, *viz.* 8th Mo. 14.

Philadelphia *County*.	Bucks *County*.	Chester *County*.
David Lloyd, Speaker.	*William Paxon*,	*Daniel Williamson*,
Joseph Wilcox,	*William Biles*,	*Samuel Levis*,
John Roberts,	*Joshua Hoopes*,	*Henry Lewis*,
Francis Rawle,	*Henry Paxon*,	*Richard Hayes*,
Joshua Carpenter,	*Samuel Darke*,	*John Hood*,
Griffith Jones,	*Samuel Beaks*,	*Thomas Pearson*,
Francis Cooke,	*Ezra Croasdale*,	*William Bartram*,
John Cooke.	*Thomas Hilborn*.	*Daniel Hoopes*.

City *of* Philadelphia.
Abraham Bickley, *William Lee*.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Assembly are met, and having chosen their Speaker, are ready to present him to the Governor when he shall think fit.

The said Members returned, and reported, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings; where they received Information that he was gone to *Newcastle*; and that thereupon they went to the Secretary to enquire when he would return, or whether he had left any Instructions about the Assembly in his Absence? and were answered, that he intended to be in Town this Evening; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow-Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 8th Mo. 15.

The Speaker, with the Members of Assembly present, took and subscribed the Declarations and Profession of Faith, mentioned and directed by an Act of Assembly of this Government, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Number of Members of Assembly, and to regulate the Elections*, in Manner and Form as by the said Act is prescribed.

Ordered, That *Joshua Hoopes*, and *Daniel Williamson*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Assembly is ready to attend him, to present their Speaker.

They returned, and reported to the House, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings, and were informed he was not yet come to Town. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

1708. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

8th Mo. 15. Post Meridiem. The Speaker acquainted the House, that he had received divers Lettes from *George Whitehead*, *William Mead*, and *Thomas Lower*, being the Agents formerly requested by the Assembly to present the Aggrievances of this Province to the Proprietary, and endeavour Relief in the Premises, in answer to the said Request, which he was ready to communicate to the House.

Ordered, That the said Letters be read, which was done accordingly; and, after some Time spent in the Debate thereof,

Resolved, *N. C. D.* That the Thanks of this Assembly, in Behalf of themselves, and of all the People of this Province, be given the said Persons for the Trouble and Pains they have taken to serve the Inhabitants; and also to desire them to return the Thanks of this House to the Proprietary, for removing the present Lieutenant Governor; and to intercede farther with him, that the present Secretary may be also removed, in order to ease the good People of this Province from the great Abuses and Oppressions committed by him upon the Inhabitants.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, *Richard Hayes*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *Joseph Wilcox*, be a Committee to draw an Answer to the said Letters, and bring the same to the House To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Samuel Lewis*, and *Henry Lewis*, do go to the Governor's Lodgings, and, if he be come to Town, acquaint him, that the Assembly have waited his Pleasure two Days, to present their Speaker.

The said Members returned, and acquainted the House, that the Governor is not yet come to Town; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 16. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to draw an Answer to the Letters read Yesterday in the Afternoon, brought the said Answer to the House, where the same was read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed.

Resolved, *N. C. D.* That forasmuch as this House is given to understand, that it has been falsely insinuated to the Agents of this Province, in *London*, that the former Aggrievances (remonstrated and complained of) were magnified and aggravated by some Members of the then Assembly, disaffected to the Proprietary, who had therein rather vented their own private Dissatisfactions, than truly represented the general Calamity and Distresses of the Province (which might gain the more Credit; for that some of the said Letters were signed only by the Speaker) that therefore to take off all such like Suspicions for the future, and to testify the Unanimity of the present Assembly, the said Answer be signed by all the respective Members of this House who are present.

Ordered, That *Thomas Hilborn*, and *Daniel Hoopes*, do go to the Governor's Lodgings, and enquire if he be yet come to Town.

The said Members returned, and acquainted the House, that the Governor is not yet come to Town.

The Answer of this House being transcribed, was signed by all the Members present, according to the Resolve of the House.

And then the House considering that the Governor had absented himself from this Province, just at the Time when by Charter the Assembly should have met him, and that the Time of his Return was very uncertain; as also, that for two Years past the Assembly could not prevail with him to pass one Bill proposed for the Good of the Province; after three Days waiting, agreed to adjourn; and then the House adjourned accordingly, till the first *Second Day* of the Week in the *First Month* next, unless the Governor shall think fit to request their Attendance sooner.

Adjournment.

1708-9. THE House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

1st Mo. 7. CHARLES GOOKIN, Esq; Governor. *Ordered*, That *Griffith Jones*, *William Biles*, *John Hood*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that according to the last Adjournment of this Assembly the House is met, and ready to proceed upon Business.

The said Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered the said Message to the Governor, according to Order; and then the House adjourned till To-morrow at Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

1st Mo. 8. Post Meridiem. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Henry Lewis*, do give the Treasurer Notice to attend this House, with his Accounts of the publick Taxes, To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock.

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Edward Shippen, in a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, that the Governor has Business to lay before the Assembly, but could not (being newly arrived) be ready at this Sitting, and when he is, will give the House Notice thereof. 1708-9. 1st Mo. 8.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw an Address to the Governor, to congratulate his safe Arrival, and lay before him some of the great Aggrievances of the People of this Province, and bring the same to the House To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1st Mo. 9.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to draw the Address to the Governor, brought the same to the House, which being read, was, after some Amendments, agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, in ASSEMBLY met, the 9th Day of the Month called *March*, 1708-9, presented to *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; by the Queen's royal Approbation, Lieutenant Governor of the said Province, *&c.*

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to Governor GOOKIN, on his first Arrival.

HAVING this Opportunity, we can do no less than congratulate thy seasonable Accession to this Government; and render our most grateful Acknowledgments to the Queen, for her gracious Acceptance of the Proprietary's Nomination of thee to supply his Absence; and to him for constituting a Person of so fair a Character, furnished, as we hope, with a full Resolution, as well as Power, to redress the Aggrievances, and remove the Oppressions that this poor Province has for some Time laboured under, occasioned by the irregular Administration of the late Deputy Governor, who was too much influenced by evil Counsel, to which the Miseries and Confusions of the State, and Divisions in this Government, are principally owing.

We are here ready to represent such of those publick Grievances as are laid before us, or occur to our Knowledge, in particular Articles, and bring them to a proper Examen; but perceiving by thy Message to this House Yesterday, that thou art not ready at this Time to proceed with us to Business, we shall take Leave only to mention some of those Things which the publick Weal of this Country loudly calls for a most earnest Application and speedy Redress.

In the first Place, we are to lay before thee that of the false Alarm in May, 1706; *wherein the late Governor was chief Actor, and for which he is highly chargeable, having shot at the Queen's Subjects, putting many of the Inhabitants of this Town in Danger of their Lives, and forced grat Quantities of Powder and Lead from the Owners, and gave it to such as wasted it, when he knew there was no Occasion to use it, whereby he deprived the Place of what Ammunition might be ready for those that had Freedom to make use of it for their Defence, in case of an Attack.*

The next is that notorious Act of Hostility he committed by firing Shot at the Queen's Subjects passing by Newcastle, *in this River, upon their lawful Trade to and from this Port.*

We mention these, as they are, in our Opinion, Offences of a deep Dye, and committed against the Queen's Crown and Dignity, as well as against the Peace, and ought to be charged upon him before he departs this Province; but the Method of the Prosecution against him, we submit to thy prudent Care and Discretion, and we shall be ready to do what is proper on our Parts.

That the Treasurer of the last Tax has refused to comply with the Directions of the Assembly, in paying the publick Debts, according to the respective Orders drawn upon him, and signed by the Speaker; and that the Collectors of the said Tax, who neglected their Duty in gathering the same, have not been obliged thereunto, according as the Act of Assembly in that Case directs, and more particularly the Collector of the City and County of Philadelphia.

That the Courts of Judicature of this Province have been and are erected by Ordinances of the Governor and Council, against the Advice, and without the Assent, of the Assembly, which we complain of as a great Oppression and Aggrievance to the People we represent, and desire the same may be speedily redressed, and the Bill prepared for establishing Courts, with other useful Bills, ready to be presented to the Governor, may be considered.

We are given to understand that thou brought some Commands from the Queen to this Government, as well as Instructions from the Proprietary, relating to the Publick, which, with a Copy of thy Commission, and the royal Approbation, we desire may be communicated to this House at our next Meeting, which we intend on the twentieth Day of the next Month, and shall adjourn accordingly, unless it be thy Pleasure to call us sooner, which we shall be ready to comply with, not only in Expectation of a speedy Redress of our Grievances, but to settle, by Law, how Money shall be paid upon Contracts made, and to be made, before the new Currency of Money takes Effect.

Signed by Order of the House, *N. C. D.*

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered,

1708-9. 1st Mo. 9. Adjournment. Poſt Meridiem.

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *Henry Paxon*, *Daniel Williamſon*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock *Poſt Meridiem*.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, That a Copy of the Addreſs ſent to the Governor this Morning, be ſent to the Coffee-houſe for publick View? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1st Mo. 10.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to preſent the Addreſs to the Governor, reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered the ſame according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till the twentieth Day of the Month called *April* next, unleſs the Governor think fit to require their Attendance ſooner.

Adjournment.

1709. 2d Mo. 12.

THE Governor having ordered the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and the City of *Philadelphia*, to ſummon the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province to meet him in Aſſembly this Day; the Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *William Biles*, *Samuel Levis*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, That the Aſſembly are met, and deſire to know if he hath any Thing to communicate to the Houſe, who are ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

They returned, and reported, That they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſignify, that the Houſe ſhall hear from him in Half an Hour.

Whereupon the Houſe waited till about Seven a Clock in the Evening, being about two Hours after the Meſſengers returned, and nothing coming from the Governor, the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 13.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker acquainted, That after the Houſe adjourned laſt Night, he met two Members of the Council coming with a Meſſage from the Governor to acquaint the Houſe, that the Governor deſires the Houſe to attend him at Ten a Clock this Morning, at his Lodgings.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon*, and *Daniel Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know if he is ready to receive the Aſſembly?

They returned, and reported, that the Governor will ſend to the Houſe in Half an Hour.

George Roch, and *Samuel Preſton*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor is ready to receive the Aſſembly.

Whereupon the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, went to attend the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, That the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, whereof he was pleaſed to deliver him a Copy, which was ordered to be read, and is as followeth.

Governor GOOKIN's firſt Speech to the Aſſembly.

GENTLEMEN,

'IT would have proved a much greater Satisfaction to me, if at this firſt Time of my 'ſpeaking to you, I had nothing to take Notice of, but what I myſelf might have to 'lay before you; but your Addreſs preſented to me in *March* laſt, when you ſent me No-'tice that you were ſitting, will, before we proceed to any other Buſineſs, require ſome 'Anſwer; in which I will be plain, and ſhort, as the Matter will bear.

'I thank you, Gentlemen, for your Congratulations, and do aſſure you, that I come with 'full Reſolutions, on my Part, to employ the Power with which the Proprietary has thought 'fit to honour me, and her Majeſty has been graciouſly pleaſed to approve of, to render 'the People of this Government as happy and eaſy as is poſſible for me, in all Things that 'ſhall concern their true Intereſt, and be to their real Advantage. I have enquired what 'might be meant by thoſe Aggrievances, Oppreſſions and Confuſions, which you complain 'of, and whatſoever I ſhall meet that deſerves thoſe Names, ſhall meet my ready Concur-'rence to remove them, as far as they ſhall appear; but muſt ſay, that I believe one effec-'tual Method to free all People from the Apprehenſions of Grievances, will be, to lay all 'former Animoſities and Jealouſies aſide, and, for the future, apply themſelves to ſuch Bu-'ſineſs as they are concerned in for the Publick, with a Freedom and Openneſs of Temper, 'and an unbiaſs'd Inclination to promote the common Good, without any other particular 'View: If we could be ſo fortunate as to take Example from her Majeſty's glorious Ad-'miniſtration of her Dominions at Home, and that of her Parliament, we ſhould not fail 'of being extremely happy.

'As to thoſe two paſt Actions of my immediate Predeceſſor, of which you complain, I 'can only inform you, that they were both well known in *Britain* before I left it, and

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'that I had no Directions to make any Enquiry into them; and that, upon the best Advice 1709.
'I can receive here, I find they will not properly fall under my Cognizance, in the Station
'I am placed in, and therefore cannot think it fit to concern myself with them. 2d Mo. 13.

'But I am obliged to observe to you, that the Council of the Province, now with me, 'think themselves very unjustly treated, by the Mention you have made of them, if they (as 'it is generally understood) be intended by the evil Counsel, of which you have taken No-'tice, and therefore will take the Liberty to vindicate themselves, as you will see, by their 'Application to me, to which I refer you.

'The Charge against the Treasurer, I find, is occasioned by his and the Council's under-'standing the Act of Assembly, by which the Money that comes into his Hands has been 'granted, somewhat differently from what the present and late Houses of Representatives 'have done: He pleads the Law, as his best Direction; and you cannot but agree that 'tis 'fit that this alone (I mean the Law) ought to determine the Matter. As far as I have 'hitherto been able, I have pressed the Collection of the Taxes, and shall continue the best 'of my Care, until they be finished.

'The Method of establishing Courts by the Governor and Council, was also well un-'derstood in *Great-Britain*, and was approved of there, as being grounded on unquestion-'able Powers granted the Proprietary; the Bill formerly prepared by the Assembly for that 'Purpose, which is now before the Board, has not been allowed of: But seeing the pre-'sent Establishment, which was drawn, as I am informed, according to the Plan laid down 'in that Bill, carries some Inconveniencies with it, and requires an Alteration, I shall be 'ready to agree to any other reasonable Bill that you shall hereafter propose, for settling 'Courts of Judicature in such a regular Method, as may be a lasting Rule for holding them.

'I have no Instructions, Gentlemen, from her Majesty, that will concern you; those 'from the Proprietary being to myself, as Occasion offers, and where it may be pro-'per, I shall acquaint you with the Particulars. I have ordered Copies of my Commission, 'and her Majesty's Approbation, to be prepared and delivered to you.

'I should now propose to your serious Consideration some other Matters of the highest 'Importance, without which Government cannot long subsist, as a due Provision for the 'Support of it, and for the Security of the People; but what I shall principally recom-'mend to you at this Time, is, the latter Part of the last Paragraph of your Address, *(viz.)* 'to prepare a Bill, for settling by Law, how Money shall be paid upon Contracts made and 'to be made before the new Currency of Money takes Effect; this as I find, by the great Un-'easiness of the People, is a Matter that will require a very speedy Provision, and therefore 'hope you will find such just and equal Methods for it, as neither the Debtors on the one 'Hand, nor Creditors on the other, may suffer by the Alteration, to which I desire you 'may forthwith proceed with as little Loss of Time as is possible; after which we may 'have Opportunity to enter into the Consideration of such other Matters as may naturally 'fall before you.'

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, for regulating the Rates of Money for the Payment of Debts made and to be made before the First of *May* next, was read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox*, *William Biles*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *John Hood*, be a Committee to draw an Answer to the Governor's Speech, and bring it to the House at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Resolved, That this House will, at Four a Clock in the Afternoon, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Petition for regulating the Rates of Money, and of preparing a Bill for the same; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Door-keeper give Notice to all the Members of Assembly now in Town, to give their Attendance at the House forthwith; which being done accordingly,

The House, according to the Order of the Day, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and *William Biles* reported from the said Committee, That they had made some Progress in the Matters referred to them, but had much yet to consider, therefore the Committee had ordered him to move for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider farther of the Matters to them referred; and then the House adjourned till a Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 2d Mo. 14.

Ordered, That the Treasurer, who was appointed to give his Attendance at the House this Morning, do defer his Appearance till To-morrow Morning.

1702. 2d Mo. 14. A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining that the publick Wharffs, Streets, Water-courſes, *&c.* in the ſaid City, are in great Want of Reparations and Amendments; and praying that Proviſion be made to enable the Inhabitants of the ſaid City forthwith to repair and amend them; was brought to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of ſettling the Rates of Money for Payment of Debts contracted before the Firſt of *May* next, being the Time the new Currency is to take Effect; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That the Committee were come to ſeveral Reſolutions upon the Matters referred to their Conſideration, which he is ready to report when the Houſe will be pleaſed to receive it.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

The Committee appointed to draw an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, brought the ſaid Anſwer to the Houſe, where the ſame was read, and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY'S ANSWER to the GOVERNOR'S Speech, made to the Houſe the thirteenth Day of the Month called *April*, 1709, preſented to him the fifteenth Day of the ſame Month.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THE Copy of thy Speech, delivered us the 13th Inſtant, has been deliberately read, and duly conſidered, by this Houſe; and tho' we could have been glad there had been no Occaſion for the late Hint we gave thee, of ſome of the Oppreſſions and Aggrievances which this Province hath for ſome Time laboured under, yet the Hopes thou haſt been pleaſed to give us, by thy Reſolution of endeavouring the People's Eaſe and Happineſs, is very ſatisfactory to us; for which, in the Behalf of ourſelves, and all the People of this Province, we hereby return hearty and thankful Acknowledgments.

We are unanimouſly of Opinion with thee, that 'twill be our great Happineſs to follow the Queen's good Example, and that of her Parliament, in the Adminiſtration at Home; 'tis doubtleſs owing to the Conſtitution, and heightened by the excellent Diſpoſition of the Queen, whoſe juſt, mild and gentle Government, hath worthily gained her a great and glorious Reputation, as well as tender Affection, in the Hearts of her Subjects, in being as ready to give her royal Aſſent to good Laws for their Benefit, and redreſs their Aggrievances, as the Parliament can be to lay them before her: And if we can be ſo happy as to take the ſame Methods here (wherein our Endeavours ſhall not be wanting) we doubt not but the Inhabitants will ſoon be ſenſible of the good Effects of it.

We hope this Aſſembly is wholly clear from Animoſities to any; and do beſeech thee not to be impoſed on by ſuch as may endeavour to create hard Thoughts in thee towards this Houſe, who are fully reſolved to follow the Advice thou haſt been pleaſed to give us (viz.) *to proceed to the Buſineſs before us with that Freedom of Temper and unbiaſſed Inclination which thou haſt recommended.*

We are ſenſible thoſe groſs Acts of the late Lieutenant-Governor, are not unknown to ſome in Great-Britain, *and tho' thou haſt no immediate Directions to make Enquiry into them, yet when the Aſſembly, as the grand Inquiſitors of the Province, have informed thee of ſuch horrid Abuſes, and Acts of Hoſtility and Violence, as he has been guilty of againſt the Queen's Crown and Dignity, in raiſing Men and Arms, and firing at the Queen's peaceable Subjects, to the endangering their Lives (inſtead of protecting them) which are taken to be Acts of a treaſonable Nature, we hope (notwithſtanding the Advice thou haſt had) that thou wilt be pleaſed farther to conſider whether it be not incumbent on thee to take Cognizance thereof, or at leaſt concur in ſome Method, that ſuch evil Miniſters may not eſcape with Impunity, but be brought to Puniſhment ſuitable to their Demerits, as well as for Example and Terror to others.*

The Houſe is ſomewhat ſurprized, that the Council of the Province ſhould underſtand, from our Mention of the late Deputy Governor, his being too much influenced by evil Counſel, that we deſigned the Council in general, or that the Miſeries and Confuſions in the State and Government were principally owing to them, which we never intended; but, on the contrary, believe moſt of them to be Well-wiſhers to, and Promoters of, the Intereſt of the Province, and accordingly value and eſteem them; and do hereby declare, that we deſigned that Charge againſt the preſent Secretary, James Logan, *with ſome others, not of the Governor's Council, to whoſe Advice and Practice the Miſeries and Confuſions in this Government are chiefly owing, as we ſhall be ready to make appear, when thou gives us an Opportunity; in the mean time it is our earneſt Requeſt, and cordial Advice, that thou may not be influenced by the ſaid* James Logan, *nor any others, to create Miſunderſtandings between thee and the Repreſentatives of the People, which, we are ſatisfied, has been his Subterfuge; but we ſhall inſiſt no farther at preſent, ſave to requeſt thee (as the former Aſſembly did thy Predeceſſor) to remove him from thy Council.*

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The Treasurer's Answer is no way satisfactory to this House; nor have the Council, who are represented by us, any Right to order the Disposal of that Money, and the Law is plain in the Case, as we shall be necessitated to let him know: And as for the Collectors of the Taxes, if thou please to consult the Law in that Behalf, thou wilt find Directions how the Governor and Council is to proceed against such Offenders: And we doubt, unless that Law be prosecuted, and new Collectors speedily appointed, the Taxes will remain uncollected, to the great Injury of the People in general, as well as of particular Persons, and obstruct the raising of new Supplies. 1709. 2d Mo. 14.

The Method of establishing Courts of Judicature by the Governor and Council, however approved of by some in Great-Britain, *as grounded on the Proprietary's Powers, we still object against; that the Bill formerly prepared, not being allowed of (or some other proposed, wherewith the Assembly might have concurred) has administred great Cause of Dissatisfaction and Complaint, and especially the Want of regulating and settling the Fees (which, as now taken) are very extravagant: If any Inconveniencies appear in the Draught now before the Board, we shall readily concur in such Alterations as may be necessary for the Good of the People, which we entreat thee to acquaint us with as soon as possible, being unanimously of Opinion, that the present Method of holding Courts, and exacting Fees, is illegal and arbitrary, and an Infringement of the Rights of the Queen's freeborn Subjects.*

We were given to understand thou had Instructions from the Queen, which as it was supposed might concern us, as the Representatives of the People, but shall at present acquiesce with thy Answer on that Head; those from the Proprietary, we hope, are such as allow thee fully to represent him here as Lieutenant-Governor, without Limitation or Restriction; we desire that authentick Copies of thy Commission, and the Queen's Approbation, may be forthwith sent us, in order to our regular proceeding to the Business before us.

The making all due Provision for the Support of Government and Security of the People, is what we hold to be our Duty, which we shall always be ready to do, as Occasion offers, so far as lies in our Power: And for the Bill thou hast been pleased principally to recommend at this Time, we are so sensible of the Necessity of it, that we shall make it our first Business to consider of, and prepare it; after which we hope and expect a Redress of our Grievances, and thy ready Concurrence to such Bills as shall be laid before thee, for establishing the People in their just Rights, Liberties and Properties; and in so doing thou wilt not only manifest thyself an Instrument of Blessing and Praise to this Province, but be confirmed in the sincere and good Opinion and Affections of this Assembly, and of all the good People represented by us, whose great Expectations of thy Justice and Kindness towards them, we trust thou wilt effectually answer.

Signed by Order of the House, *N. C. D.*

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

And then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *2d Mo.* 15.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke*, *William Lee*, *Samuel Darke*, and *William Bartram*, do wait upon the Governor with the Answer to his Speech. They returned, and reported, the Governor is gone out of Town.

A Petition of the Grand Jury of the City of *Philadelphia* against *Thomas Macnamara*, an Attorney at Law (introduced by some of the Aldermen, and Members of the Corporation) was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Chairman of the Grand Committee, according to the Order of Yesterday, made Report of the Resolves of the said Committee, which were agreed to by the House, and are as followeth.

Resolves of the Grand Committee.

First, That all Contracts or Bargains made, and to be made, before the first Day of the Month called *May* next, 1709, shall be discharged in some of the Species of foreign Coins mentioned in the Queen's Proclamation, at the Rate of *Nine Shillings*, and *One Penny*, *per* Ounce.

Secondly, That a Proviso be inserted, to except all Money payable after the First of *May* next for Rent, or Sales made of Lands or Goods, according to the new Currency.

Thirdly, That all Money lent, or to be lent, or Contracts made, at the present Rate or Currency, and secured by Bonds or Mortgages, to be paid in current or lawful Money, or other Debts or Contracts, made before the said First of *May* next, shall be discharged in Money at the present Currency, under Penalty of forfeiting the same, as in the Case of Userers.

Fourthly, That a Clause be added, to oblige all Venders or Sellers of Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, to abate, according to the Difference of Money, on the Commodities vended or sold after the said First of *May* next, of the Prices or Rates they have usually sold at of late, or would have taken for such Commodities in Money at the present Currency.

Ordered,

1709. *Ordered*, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and draw a Bill to be preſented to the Governor for his Aſſent, according to the Subſtance of the ſaid Reſolves. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

2d Mo. 15. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

2d Mo. 16. The Perſons appointed to deliver the Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, acquainted the Houſe, that laſt Night they delivered the ſaid Anſwer to the Governor, according to Order.

Robert Aſhton brought the Council's Application to the Governor, which related to this Houſe, and to which his Speech of the thirteenth Inſtant referred, which was read, and is as followeth.

To the Honourable CHARLES GOOKIN, *Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *and Counties of* Newcaſtle, Kent *and* Suſſex, *upon* Delaware.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Council's Addreſs to Governor GOOKIN. WE the Members of Council for the ſaid Province, who attended the Board during the Adminiſtration of the late Lieutenant Governor, upon viewing the Addreſs preſented by the Aſſembly on the ninth Day of *March* laſt, think ourſelves obliged to obſerve, that in the firſt Paragraph of it, complaining of Aggrievances and Oppreſſions, which (they ſay) this Province has for ſome Time laboured under, occaſioned by the irregular Adminiſtration of the late Deputy Governor, they have thought fit to add theſe Words [*who was too much influenced by evil Counſel*] to whom the Miſeries and Confuſions of the State, and Diviſions in this Government, are principally owing.

It was long (may it pleaſe the Governor) before we could induce ourſelves to believe, that Men ſo well acquainted with the Characters of moſt of us, in our ſeveral Stations in the Country, could poſſibly intend us by the Charge, until by the Obſervations of others, we were forced to take a nearer Notice of the Expreſſions; upon which we are ſorry to find that the Word *Counſel*, as there uſed, together with the general Conſtruction of the Sentence, ſeems not to admit of any other Interpretation, but that to us, principally, is owing whatever the Aſſembly has thought fit to complain of, or can reduce under the general Terms they have uſed: If they will diſavow any ſuch Intention, we ſhall crave no other Satisfaction; but if not, we muſt then deſire that they, and all Men concerned in theſe Affairs, may know;

That notwithſtanding the Proprietary, and late Lieutenant Governor, according to the eſtabliſhed Rules in all Governments whatſoever, from the moſt polite to the moſt barbarous Nations in the World, finding themſelves under a Neceſſity of having a Council about them, to adviſe with in Affairs of Government, have thought fit to chuſe us for that Service; in which, according to our ſeveral ſolemn Engagements, we have acquitted ourſelves to the beſt of our Judgments and Abilities, yet not one of us receives, or ever did expect, any other Advantage by it, than the Satisfaction of having diſcharged our Duties to the Country we live in, and to advance the Proſperity and Happineſs of it as much as may lie in our Power. We have no Salaries nor Allowance paid us by the Country for this, nor Offices of Profit to encourage us; what we do is at our own Expence of Time, Trouble and Charge, and upon our own Eſtates is all our Dependence, which, giving us as good an Intereſt in the Country as others can pretend to, and being out of the Reach of any poſſible Views, different from the Good of the Whole, no Man, without a manifeſt Violence to his Reaſon, can imagine but that we are as much concerned, and therefore would be as careful to prevent and divert any Miſeries, Confuſions, or Diviſions, that may threaten the Province, as any other Sett of Men whatſoever; ſo that this Charge from the Aſſembly, if levelled againſt us, is not only unjuſt, but will be judged, we believe, exceedingly ungrateful, by all that impartially conſider us and our Circumſtances among our Neighbours.

After this general Accuſation, involving us in all Things that have been irregularly committed, or that any Perſon can think ſo to have been, they enumerate four Particulars, which they call Aggrievances. To the two firſt we have nothing to ſay, and we hope no Man can believe that any one of us was ſo much as privy to them, much leſs that we adviſed them, we here ſolemnly declare, each for himſelf, that we did not. The other two, we acknowledge ourſelves to be concerned in, and ſhall always juſtify: That is, Firſt, that we adviſed the Treaſurer to take his Directions from the Law alone, and without Regard to the partial Orders of the Aſſembly to the contrary, to make his Payments in equal Portions, which we hope cannot be accounted a Grievance; and in the next, to prevent that greateſt of all poſſible Grievances, the Want of publick Juſtice, of which, by the Meaſures taken by the Aſſembly of that Time, the Country was long deprived; we adviſed the Governor to make uſe of the Powers with which he was unqueſtionably inveſted to open the Courts again, and to reſtore the Courſe of Juſtice to the oppreſſed Country, who had long languiſhed through the Want of it, until they could be otherwiſe eſtabliſhed. Men acquainted with Affairs of this Kind, and who muſt take their Informations from others, may be impoſed on by

by Perſons of Deſign, and believe that to be irregular, which in itſelf is a moſt wholſome and neceſſary Act; but we can with Aſſurance affirm, that we had full Satisfaction from Men of the beſt Abilities, that what we adviſed and concurred in this Matter, was regular, juſt, and legal. 1709. 2d Mo. 16.

Upon the whole, may it pleaſe the Governor, tho' on the one Hand we ſhall be exceedingly unwilling to have any Miſunderſtanding with the Repreſentatives of the People, well knowing it to be an Unhappineſs that all reaſonable Meaſures ſhould be taken to prevent; yet on the other we ſhall not, by any Contrivances, be diverted from diſcharging the Truſt repoſed in us, during our Continuance in this Station, with Honour and Juſtice, to the beſt of our Abilities, but from time to time ſhall offer to the Governor ſuch Advice as we ſhall judge moſt conducive to the general Good of the Province, in the Welfare of which we are ſo nearly concerned in our ſeveral private Intereſts; and in the mean time hope we may juſtly expect to be ſecured from Calumny and Miſrepreſentation.

Philadelphia, *April* 13. 1709.

EDWARD SHIPPEN, SAMUEL FINNEY,
SAMUEL CARPENTER, WILLIAM TRENT,
JOSEPH GROWDON, CALEB PUSEY,
JASPER YEATS, RICARD HILL.

With an Exception to what is ſaid of Offices of Profit, tho' I enjoy none as a Member of Council, I ſign this,

JAMES LOGAN.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw an Anſwer thereunto, and bring it to the Houſe at their next Sitting, or as ſoon as the ſame is prepared; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Nineteenth of this inſtant *April*, at Two a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 2d Mo. 19. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to draw the Bill for ſettling the Rates of Money, according to the Reſolves agreed to by the Houſe the Fifteenth Inſtant, brought the ſaid Bill to the Houſe, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read again To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of many of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, complaining of divers Abuſes committed by the Juſtices and Grand Jury upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid County, and praying Relief againſt the ſaid Abuſes; alſo deſiring that the Rates of Money for Payment of Debts and Contracts made, and to be made, before the Firſt of *May* next, may be ſettled; was read, and ordered to be read again.

A Copy of the Lieutenant Governor's Commiſſion, and the royal Approbation, being brought to the Houſe, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. Adjournment. 2d Mo. 20.

The Bill for ſettling the Rates of Money, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated by Paragraphs.

The Houſe being informed that the Governor is going to *Newcaſtle* this Day,

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *William Paxon*, *Samuel Levis*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Bill for ſettling the Rates of Money for the Payment of Debts contracted, and to be contracted, before the firſt of *May* next, is in ſuch Readineſs, that the Houſe will be ready to attend him therewith any Time, when he will be pleaſed to appoint, this Day in the Afternoon.

They returned, and reported, that the Governor is deſigned for *Newcaſtle*, but will wait till One a Clock for the ſaid Bill. Adjourned for the Space of an Hour.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read the third Time; which being done, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *William Biles*, *Francis Cooke*, *William Lee*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, *Samuel Levis*, and *John Hood*, do attend the Governor with the ſaid Bill.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

A Petition of *Nathan Stanbury*, Executor of *Elizabeth Fox*, deceaſed, ſetting forth that *James Fox*, who was the Huſband of the ſaid *Elizabeth*, being ſome Time Treaſurer of this Province, had diſburſed conſiderably more than receiv'd (as appear'd, in the Opinion of the Petitioner, by an Account exhibited) and praying the ſaid Account, with the Intereſt computed thereon, may be allowed by the Houſe, was read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-fifth of this Inſtant, at Ten a Clock in the Morning. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 2d Mo. 25.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Henry Lewis*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing farther to communicate

1709. municate to the Assembly; and whether he has considered of the Bill laid before him at our last Adjournment?

2d Mo. 25. They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleased to acquaint them, he intends to send something to the House To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

2d Mo. 26. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Complaint of *Israel Taylor*, that the Governor had lately granted a Licence to a Person to marry the Complainant's Daughter against the Consent of her Parents, and praying that a Stop may be put to such Practices for the future, was read, and ordered to be read again.

And a Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining that divers Persons have oppressed others, in taking Obligations, not only for unlawful Interest, but at least *Thirty-three per Cent.* Advance on the Principal, by obliging the Debtors to pay in the new Currency of Money; as also that divers Landlords endeavour to oblige their Tenants to pay their Rents in the new Currency of Money, and praying that Provision may be made to prevent it, was read, and ordered to be read again.

And also a Paper directing the Settling the Price or Rates of Ferriage, was read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamson*, and *William Bartram*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House has waited all this Morning in Expectation to hear from him, and desire to know if he be ready to communicate any thing to the House before they adjourn, which they are ready to do, it being now past Twelve a Clock.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message to the Governor; who was pleased to acquaint them, the House may expect a Message from him forthwith.

Samuel Carpenter, and *Samuel Preston*, brought a written Message from the Governor, containing his Objections to the Bill, and a Draught or Scheme of a new Bill. Adjourned till Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Post Meridiem. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Governor's Objections to the Bill for regulating the Rates of Money be read, which was done accordingly.

The Draught of a Bill, sent by the Governor, about regulating the Rates of Money, *&c.* being also read, and the House observing a Clause in the said Bill or Draught, to enforce the Payment of Interest upon Book Accounts; and also another Clause, that Bargains and Contracts made, after the said First of *May*, shall be concluded in the old Currency, but payable in the New, with One Fourth Part Abatement; also a Clause, that all Debts contracted before the said First of *May*, shall be discharged in the new Currency, with One Fourth Part abated, and a Clause in the Preamble of the Draught introductory thereunto, which last Clause will subject divers to the Charges of giving new Bonds, with many other Inconveniencies.

Resolved, That the House cannot agree to the said new Draught sent by the Governor, but are desirous to have a Conference with him upon the same, and his Objections to the Bill sent by the Assembly.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Richard Hayes*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House is desirous to have a Conference with him upon the Subject Matter of the Bill for Regulation of Money, *&c.* as also of the Draught sent by him, and his Objections to the Bill sent him by the House.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to appoint the Conference to be at Ten a Clock in the Forenoon To-morrow, and in the Interim will consider of the Place, and give the House Notice thereof. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

2d Mo. 27. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Samuel Carpenter, and *Caleb Pusey*, in a Message from the Governor acquainted the House, that the Governor appoints the Place of the Conference to be at his own Lodgings, at Ten a Clock, and with a Committee, or the whole House, as the House thinks fit.

Resolved, That the whole House will attend the Governor upon this Conference.

And accordingly the Speaker, with the whole House, went to attend the Governor upon the said Conference; and, after some Time spent therein, the House returned, and the Speaker assumed the Chair, and reported, That some Progress was made in the said Conference, but it not being finished, it was agreed to be held in the School-house at Three a Clock in the Afternoon, with such Members of the Governor's Council as he shall think fit to appoint. Adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

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1709.

The Houſe met, and being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Divers Members of Council, appointed by the Governor, came to the Houſe, and the Aſſembly, with them, proceeded upon the Conference about the Bill, &c. and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported to the Houſe, That after conſiderable Time ſpent in the Conference, it was agreed that three of the Members of Aſſembly ſhall be a Committee to join with the like Number as a Committee of the Council, who ſhall meet To-morrow Morning to make ſuch Amendments to the ſaid Bill as have been debated and conſidered at this Conference. *2d Mo. 27. Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *John Cooke*, be a Committee to join with a Committee of the Council thereupon at the Council-chamber at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *2d Mo.* 28.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Bill for ſettling the Rates of Money, &c. be immediately read; and alſo the Draught ſent by the Governor to this Houſe, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed laſt Night to meet a Committee of the Governor's Council about the Bill for regulating the Rates of Money, &c. do repair to the Council-chamber to join with the ſaid Committee, in order to proceed upon the Matters to them referred.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Aggrievances preſented by divers Petitions of the Inhabitants of this Government to the Houſe;

And accordingly the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Aggrievances; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters before them, which he reported to the Houſe, but not having Time to finiſh the Whole, the Committee had directed him to move the Houſe for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, upon the fourth Day of the Month called *May* next, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the farther Examination of the ſaid Aggrievances.

The Committee appointed to join with a Committee of Council about the Amendments to the Bill for regulating the Rates of Money, reported to the Houſe, that they had agreed upon certain Additions and Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Subſtance of the ſaid Amendments be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, and the Speaker is deſired to inſert the ſame, and bring it to the Houſe To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *2d Mo.* 29.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker brought the Bill as amended to the Houſe, which having been three Times read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent to the Governor for his Aſſent, in order to be paſs'd into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Samuel Levis*, and *Samuel Darke*, do attend the Governor with the ſaid Bill.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to acquaint them, the Houſe might expect to hear from him with all Expedition poſſible. Adjourned till Three a Clock P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, do wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know when the Houſe may expect to know his Pleaſure concerning the Bill now before him?

They returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor; who ſignified that the Council were not yet together, but he expected would ſuddenly, and that the Houſe might expect to hear from him To-night.

Henry Lewis acquainted the Houſe, that he had ſpoken with the Secretary, who acquainted him, that the Council are like to continue till it is late about the Bill, and that he ſuppoſes the Houſe will not have the Governor's Anſwer to the Bill till early To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Six a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *2d Mo.* 30.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Caleb Puſey and *James Logan* brought from the Governor ſeveral Amendments to the Bill, which being read and debated, were ſeverally agreed to by the Houſe, and the Bill as now amended ordered to be tranſcribed immediately; which being done accordingly,

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *William Paxon*, *William Lee*, *Thomas Pearſon*, *Richard Hayes*, and *John Roberts*, do carry the ſame to the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have conceded to all the Amendments he propoſed.

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1709. They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the Bill to the Governor; who promiſed to paſs the ſame into a Law when ingroſſed and ready.

2d Mo. 30. The ſaid Bill being ingroſſed, was brought to the Houſe, and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes*, and *John Cooke*, do carry it to the Governor.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, do go to the Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly deſires him to order the Bell to be rung forthwith; and that himſelf, with the Aldermen, and Conſtables, do attend forthwith in the Market-place at the Publication of a Law forthwith to be publiſhed there.

They returned, and reported, that the Mayor will endeavour to anſwer the Order of the Houſe, ſo far as the Shortneſs of the Time will permit.

The Members appointed to carry the Bill to the Governor, returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Governor ſent a Meſſage to the Houſe, requiring the Aſſembly to attend him forthwith at his Lodgings.

And accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, went to attend the Governor, who was pleaſed to declare his Aſſent to the ſaid Bill, and to paſs the ſame into a Law; and deſired the Houſe to attend him at the Publication thereof, as ſoon as the Great Seal was affixed thereunto, which he had ordered the Keeper immediately to do.

Whereupon the Houſe returned, and the Speaker aſſumed the Chair.

Reſolved, That the whole Houſe will forthwith wait upon the Governor, to publiſh the ſaid Law, intituled as follows; *An* Act *for aſcertaining the Rates of Money for Payment of Debts, and preventing Exactions on Contracts and Bargains made before the firſt Day of* May *in this preſent Year, One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Nine.* And then the Houſe adjourn'd till the third Day of *May* next, at Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 3. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he met the Governor Yeſterday at *Cheſter*, and that he acquainted the Speaker he was going to *Newcaſtle*, but intended to return to *Philadelphia* on *Thurſday* next.

Ordered, That the Bill prepared by a former Aſſembly, and laid before the late Lieutenant-Governor, for eſtabliſhing and regulating of Courts, and ſettling the Fees of Officers, be again read; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Bills, intituled,

An Act *for impowering religious Societies, Towns,* &c. *to buy, hold, and diſpoſe of Lands,* &c.

An Act *of Privilege to a Freeman.*

An Act *to oblige Witneſſes to give Evidence, and prevent falſe Swearing.*

An Act *to prevent the Sale of ill tann'd Leather.*

An Act *that no Publick Houſe or Inn, within this Province, be kept without Licence.*

An Act *againſt menacing, and Aſſault and Battery.*

An Act *to prevent Diſputes which may hereafter ariſe about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Inſtruments,* &c.

A Supplementary Act *for the more effectual raiſing Levies in the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and appropriating the ſame.*

An Act *for the Priority of Payments of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province*; be ſeverally diſtinctly read; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 4. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Committee formerly appointed to draw an Addreſs to the Governor, in anſwer to the Repreſentation of the Council, brought the ſame to the Houſe, where the ſame was read, and ordered to be read again. Adjourn'd till Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Bill, intituled, *An Act to confirm Patents and Grants, and to prevent Law-ſuits*, prepared by a former Aſſembly, and laid before the late Lieutenant-Governor, be forthwith read; which was done accordingly.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, deſiring that Proviſion be made to impower the Inhabitants of the ſaid City to raiſe Money for repairing of Streets, Wharffs, *&c.* within the ſaid City, being again read;

Ordered, That Leave be given to the ſaid Petitioners to prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, as by the ſaid Petition is deſired.

The Petition of *Nathan Stanbury*, Executor of *Elizabeth Fox*, being again read;

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *John Cooke*, or any two of them, be a Committee to examine and conſider of the Accounts exhibited by the Petitioner, and make Report thereof to the Houſe; and they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers relating thereunto.

Reſolved,

Resolved, That this House will forthwith resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Aggrievances of divers of the Inhabitants of this Province, presented by sundry Petitions to this Assembly. 1709. 3d Mo. 4.

And accordingly the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Aggrievances, and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and *Joseph Wilcox*, Chairman of the said Committee, reported to the House, that they had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, but not having Time to finish it, the Committee had ordered him to move the House for Leave to sit again.

Resolved, That this House will, at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning, resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider farther of the said Aggrievances; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 3d Mo. 5.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Address to be sent to the Governor, in answer to the Council's Application, be again read; which being done accordingly, and the Question being put, that the same be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor? *Past in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY's ADDRESS to the GOVERNOR, in Answer to the Council's Application to him, mentioned in his late Speech to this House.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to the Governor, in answer to the Council's Application.

THE Matter of Charge, mentioned in our Address of the Ninth of the last Month, which some with so much Art have endeavoured to draw upon the Council in general, contrary to the Import of our Words, being, by our Answer of the Fifteenth of the last Month, placed as at first intended, there is nothing remains but to shew how those Members of Council have been imposed upon, who have been prevailed with to sign that Misrepresentation, wherein they are made to suppose that we in a general Accusation involved them in all Things that had been irregularly committed [or that any Person can think so to have been] we have already shewed how far we extended that which is called a general Accusation; so that we hope the Council is satisfied, that we never intended to involve them in all the Irregularities of the late Deputy Governor's Administration, or in all Things that any Person can think to have been irregularly committed by him, as is falsely insinuated; for we really think that many of the Irregularities which he fell into, not only during the Time that he seem'd to be under the Secretary's strictest Direction, but after he shook off that Yoke, and acted more like a free Agent, are in nowise chargeable upon the Council in general, or upon the Secretary in particular; it is readily acknowledged, that the Circumstances of the Members of Council are such as should leave no Suspicion of their Care to have prevented or diverted the Miseries and Confusions which were brought upon the Government under the late Administration, but rather engage them to bring the Authors and Causers thereof to Justice; and earnestly seek Redress of the publick Grievances of the Province, some of which have been complained of by several of them, as well as us: Therefore it is the more unaccountable, how they could be prevailed upon to declare to the Governor, that they have nothing to say to those two Particulars mentioned in our Address, viz. the one about the late Governor's shooting at the Queen's Subjects, in the Time of the false Alarm, and wasting the Ammunition that then was in the Town; and the other about his Hostility against the Queen's Subjects, passing by Newcastle; we do not think the Council advised these Things, but we are credibly informed, that the Secretary was so far privy to the Alarm, that he might have prevented much of the Terror and Damage which ensued thereon, had he discovered what he knew of that Intrigue to the Magistrates of the Town, and assisted them to put a Stop thereunto, as the Duty of his Office and Station in the Government required. As to the first of those two Particulars wherein the Council acknowledge themselves concerned, viz. in advising the Treasurer to take his Directions from the Law alone, we never accounted it a Grievance, but complained because he refused to comply with the Directions and Orders of the Assembly, warranted by the Law that made him Treasurer, and directs him to pay the publick Debts allowed by Vote of the House of Representatives, upon Warrants under the Speaker's Hand; so that the Council being, in this Case, but as a Sett of private Men, had no Room by that Law to obtrude their Advice, much less to encourage the Treasurer to disregard the legislative Authority lodged in the [redacted] treat the Orders of their Representatives with so much Indecency, as they are [redacted]; nor are they to be justified in that they have opposed the late Assembly in those [redacted] whereon the then Governor seemed to ground his Refusal to pass the Bill of Courts, and at the same Time assent to his Ordinance, framed for the most Part in the very Words of that Bill, omitting only what would have shewed it to be a Transcript of a regular Establishment, and leaving Room enough, through the Absurdities of their Piece-meal Draught, to cast an Odium upon the Bill, and involve the Assembly in all the ill Consequences of the Ordinance.

1709. 3d Mo. 5. *May it pleaſe the Governor, we find that the late Aſſembly, with very much Care and Application, prepared the ſaid Bill of Courts, and complied with the then Governor in all his Propoſals of Amendments, ſave only ſome few, which had a Tendency to leave the People open to thoſe Oppreſſions and Abuſes which were complained of, and would have been remedied by the Bill; ſo that the Want of publick Juſtice, which the Council call the greateſt of all poſſible Grievances, has lain at the late Governor's Door; and we think his Council were exceedingly to blame (if they thought, as they now ſay, he was unqueſtionably veſted with Power to open the Courts again) that they had not prevailed with him ſo to do, rather than leave the Country ſo long to languiſh, through Want of reſtoring the Courſe of Juſtice.*

We are heartily ſorry that the Council were prevailed upon ſo far to gratify the Enemies of the publick Weal of this Province, as to patronize this Addreſs, which diſcovers ſuch an apparent Deſign, as well to poſſeſs the Governor with an ill Opinion of the Aſſembly, as to create more Diviſions and Animoſities in the Government, and engage the Council and their Repreſentatives in an unhappy Controverſy, whilſt they ſhould apply their Endeavours to redreſs the Grievances of the People.

We could, may it pleaſe the Governor, make further Animadverſions on that Addreſs, as it ſeems an Indignity offered to this as well as the late Aſſembly; but having a due Regard to the publick Buſineſs before us (which we prefer to all other Conſiderations) ſhall content ourſelves with the ſhort Hints we have expreſſed, for the clearing our own and Predeceſſors honeſt and cordial Intentions from the Abuſes and Calumnies endeavoured to be caſt upon us, and ſhall no further trouble the Governor on this Account, unleſs new Occaſion be given.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, *N. C. D.* this Fifth of the *Third Month*, 1709.

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon*, and *Thomas Pearſon*, do go to the Governor's Lodgings, and enquire if he be come to Town? And if he be come, to deliver him the ſaid Addreſs.

They returned, and reported, that the Governor is not yet come to Town.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Grievances lying before the Aſſembly; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That the Committee had made a conſiderable Progreſs in the Matters before them, but had not Time yet to perfect them, and had therefore ordered him to move the Houſe for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Grievances.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *William Lee*, do go to the Mayor and Recorder of the City of *Philadelphia*, and acquaint them that the Houſe expects them to attend the Committee of the whole Houſe, at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, about a Petition ſent by them to the Houſe, concerning *Thomas Macnamara*; and that the ſaid Perſons acquaint the Petitioners of the City of *Philadelphia*, who deſired Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Corporation to raiſe Money for regulating the Streets and Wharffs, *&c.* in the ſaid City, that they have Leave given them to bring in a Bill to enable the ſaid Corporation to raiſe Money for the Service deſired by the ſaid Petition. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 6. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Perſons appointed laſt Night to acquaint the Mayor and Recorder of the City of *Philadelphia*, with the Order of the Houſe, reported, That they had delivered the ſaid Order accordingly, and that the Mayor acquainted them, they would attend the Committee this Morning.

And alſo, that they had ſpoken with ſome of the Petitioners, who deſired Leave to bring in a Bill about the Streets and Wharffs, but had Miſtaken the Order of the Houſe in relation to the Meſſage, therefore had directed the ſaid Petitioners to attend the Houſe this Morning. Both which attended the Houſe accordingly, and were fully heard.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Matters to them referred; and, after ſome farther Progreſs therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Chairman acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee had diſpatched the Buſineſs before them, and were come to certain Reſolutions thereupon, which he read, and was agreed to by the Houſe; but that they were informed of ſome other Aggrievances which were to be laid before the ſaid Committee; who had therefore ordered him to move the Houſe for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Aggrievances.

Ordered,

1700.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to prepare a Remonſtrance to be ſent to the Governor, containing the Subſtance of the ſaid Reſolves, and bring the ſame to the Houſe this Afternoon, or To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Five a Clock, P. M.

3d Mo. 6. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Committee appointed to prepare the Remonſtrance to be ſent to the Governor, brought the ſame to the Houſe, where it was read, and debated; and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C.* D. and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor.

Ordered, That, after the ſaid Remonſtrance is tranſcribed, it be brought to the Houſe To-morrow Morning, to the Intent any Thing which may occur, and be agreed on in the Interim, may be added before it be ſigned by the Speaker. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

3d Mo. 7.

A Remonſtrance or Repreſentation of ſundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the great Abuſes and irregular Behaviour of *Thomas Macnamara*, an Attorney at Law, and praying that the Aſſembly will lay the ſame before the Governor, with a Requeſt that the ſaid *Macnamara* may be prohibited from pleading in any of the Courts of this Province; was read in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be added in the Remonſtrance agreed on Yeſterday, recommending the ſaid Complaint to the Governor's Conſideration, and that a Copy of the ſaid Repreſentation be alſo ſent him therewith.

The Houſe being informed that the Governor is now come to Town,

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *William Paxon*, and *Richard Hayes*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe expected to have proceeded this Week upon the Bills laid before the late Lieutenant Governor; but being diſappointed by the Governor's Occaſions at *Newcaſtle*, the Aſſembly had proceeded upon thoſe Bills, in order to adapt them to the Mind of the Houſe; and alſo had proceeded upon the Conſideration of ſome of the Grievances which have been laid before them, which they are ready to preſent to him by way of Remonſtrance, when he will pleaſe to receive it; that divers of the Members are indiſpoſed, and rendered incapable of further Service at preſent; therefore the Houſe thought fit to acquaint him, that they inclined to adjourn till the eighteenth Inſtant, and in the mean Time do deſire him to conſider of the ſaid Bills; and that if the Governor had any Thing to communicate, he will pleaſe to be expeditious therein, for that it being the laſt Day of the Week, and near the Middle of the Day, the Houſe incline to adjourn in a ſhort Time, in order to go to their reſpective Habitations.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor according to Order; who was pleaſed to aſſure them, he would take into his Conſideration the ſaid Bills, and what Aggrievances the Houſe had, by their Remonſtrance, to lay before him, againſt the Time of their next Meeting; and farther acquainted them, he had ſomething preparing to lay before the Aſſembly, which he ſuppoſed would be ready by One a Clock; and would be ready to receive the ſaid Remonſtrance when he had ſent what he intended to communicate to the Houſe.

Stephen Gold, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor conſidered it would be inconvenient for the Country Members to wait ſo long as he before propoſed, and that he would be ready to receive the Remonſtrance in an Hour's Time.

Ordered, That a Tranſcript of the Complaint againſt *Thomas Macnamara* be forthwith expedited; which was done accordingly.

The ſaid Tranſcript being finiſhed, and the Remonſtrance ſigned by the Speaker,

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *John Cooke*, *William Lee*, *Henry Paxon*, *Ezra Croaſdale*, *Samuel Levis*, and *Henry Lewis*, do attend the Governor with the ſaid Remonſtrance, and the Addreſs of the Houſe, in anſwer to the Council's Application, together with the Copy of the Complaint or Repreſentation againſt *Thomas Macnamara*.

Peter Stretch, and *George Plumley*, acquainted the Houſe, That divers Perſons, not allowed by Law, have preſumed to make and ſell Weights for weighing of Money, and that the ſaid Weights are not ſtamped, but, upon Trial, are found to be falſe; and that *Caleb Ranſtead*, a Turner by Trade, is one of the ſaid Perſons.

Ordered, That the ſaid *Caleb Ranſtead* be ſent for, in Cuſtody of the Meſſenger attending this Houſe, to anſwer at the Bar of the Houſe for his Offence in the Premiſes; which being done accordingly, and he making Submiſſion, received a Check from the Speaker for his Preſumption, and was diſmiſſed without Fees.

The Members appointed to attend the Governor, returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered the ſaid Remonſtrance, with the other Papers, according to Order; and that the Governor promiſed to conſider of them; but deſired that the Houſe will adjourn till the firſt Day of *June* next, for that ſome extraordinary Buſineſs obliged him to go to *New-York*, and ſuppoſes he ſhall not be back till that Time: The ſaid Members alſo brought from the

1709. the Governor a Paper, ſigned by *James Logan*, which was read, and ordered to be read again
3d Mo. 7. when the Houſe has more Leiſure to conſider it.

The Remonſtrance is as followeth.

To CHARLES GOOKIN, *Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania,

The REMONSTRANCE, *of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in* ASSEMBLY *met.*

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Remonſtrance to the Governor.

THOUGH we expected that our Buſineſs, next after the paſſing the Act, would have been to enter upon the Conſideration of ſuch Objections as from thy late Speech we might reaſonably ſuppoſe thou had to offer againſt the Bill of Courts, which, with the other Bills, formerly prepared, have been read, and recommended to thee by this Houſe; yet finding ourſelves deprived at preſent of that Expectation by thy Abſence (which we muſt ſuppoſe to have been occaſioned by great and urgent Buſineſs, or that the weighty Affairs of the Publick, at this Juncture, when the legiſlative Authority were attending thy Pleaſure, would have peen preferred to any private, or Matters of leſſer Moment) we thought it our Duty, and accordingly took this Opportunity, to enter upon the Conſideration of ſome of the Grievances which the Inhabitants of this Province lie under; which, after a full and free Debate in this Houſe, is agreed on by the following Reſolves, *N. C. D.* which we think ourſelves obliged, in all Humility, to lay before thee, requeſting thy Concurrence, in removing and redreſſing the ſame, as far as in thee lies.

1. *Reſolved*, That whereas the greateſt Part of the antient and moſt ſubſtantial Inhabitants being ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take Oaths, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that it is a very great Grievance to the Publick, as well as an Abuſe to the ſaid Inhabitants, that they are omitted to be impannelled to ſerve upon Inqueſts (as they have of late been, eſpecially in the County of *Philadelphia*) becauſe they cannot take an Oath; and ſuch as can ſwear are generally returned, tho' ſome of them are Aliens, others no Freeholders, and many of them want other neceſſary Qualifications, which the Law makes as eſſential as Swearing to render them capable to paſs upon Trials, where the Lives, Liberties, and Eſtates of the Queen's Subjects, are concerned.

2. *Reſolved*, That inaſmuch as it is generally known that the Proprietary, about the Year 1690, did mortgage this Province to *Philip Ford*, and his Heirs, whereby many Titles derived from the ſaid Proprietary ſince that Time, are very precarious, and the People rendered unſafe in paying their Quitrents; therefore it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that it is a very great Neglect that the People in general have not a certain Knowledge whether the ſaid Mortgage is diſcharged, and how far they are ſecured from the Inconveniencies which attend their Eſtates, by reaſon of that Incumbrance.

3. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Proprietary or his Deputy, granting Licences to marry, is not incident to any Authority granted them by the royal Charter, nor warranted thereby, nor by any Power that we underſtand they have; but the granting ſuch Licences is contrary to Law, and of an evil Tendency, whereof many Inſtances may be given, particularly that of *Iſrael Taylor*, whoſe Daughter was like to have been ſtolen by Colour of a Licence, lately granted to one *James Barber*, of *Cheſter* County, in this Province.

4. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the granting of Pardons to Criminals, and entering of *Noli proſequi*, as hath been uſed by the late Lieutenant Governor, without the Conſent or Application of the Magiſtrates, before whom ſuch Criminals have been, or were to be tried, is of evil Tendency, and a Grievance to the Publick, and eludes the Intent of divers good Laws, to the great Encouragement of Vice.

5. *Reſolved*, That inaſmuch as Complaint hath been made to this Aſſembly, that *Robert Aſhton*, of *Philadelphia*, holds and exerciſes ſeveral Offices, *to wit*, Town-Clerk of the City of *Philadelphia*, Clerk of the Peace for the County, Prothonotary of the Court of Common Pleas, and Prothonotary of the Supreme Court, *&c.* it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid Offices ought to be executed by ſeveral Perſons; for it is not conſiſtent with Law that they ſhould be left under the Management of any one Perſon; the Reaſons are manifeſt from the Nature and different Truſts of each Office.

6. *Reſolved*, That inaſmuch as it appears by the Complaint of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, that the Magiſtrates and Grand Jury of that County, have laid a Tax upon the People without calling the Aſſeſſors to their Aſſiſtance, as the Law of this Province in that Caſe directs, and appropriated Part of it to the Uſe of the Poor, contrary to the expreſs Direction of another Law of this Province, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the above-mentioned Proceedings of the Juſtices and Grand Jury, are againſt the Rights of the Subjects, and a Subverſion of the Laws.

8. *Reſolved*,

7. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Juſtices, concerned in laying the ſaid Taxes, or in ordering Money ſo to be raiſed upon the Queen's Subjects as aforeſaid, ought to be removed from their reſpective Offices, and a ſpeedy Stop put to their Proceedings in the Premiſes. 1709. 3d Mo. 7.

8. *Reſolved*, That inaſmuch as it is made appear, upon Complaint and Affidavit of one *David Bollard*, now, or late, of the ſaid County of *Bucks*, that about two Years ago, he being brought before *Joſeph Kirkbride*, one of the Juſtices of that County, to anſwer the Complaint of one *James Almond*, for a Debt under *Forty Shillings*, which the ſaid Juſtice *Kirkbride* then determined, and exacted from the ſaid *David* the Sum of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence* for giving Judgment therein, which the ſaid *David* paid, over and above the Conſtables Fees, and Charge of the Warrant, before he was diſcharged: And further, the ſaid Complainant affirmed, that the ſaid Juſtice *Kirkbride* did, at the ſame Time, and for the like Judgment, exact and take of one *Jaſper Terry*, of the ſaid County, the like Sum of *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*, which the ſaid *Terry* paid, over and above the Charge of the Warrant and Execution. And moreover it is complained by *James Almond*, of the ſaid County, that he being brought before *Thomas Stevenſon*, another of the Juſtices of the ſaid County of *Bucks*, to anſwer the Complaint of *Edmund Lonett*, for a Debt of *Twelve Shillings*, and the Complaint of *John Headly*, for a Debt of *Twenty Shillings*, the ſaid Juſtice gave Judgment againſt the ſaid *Almond* upon both the ſaid Complaints, and exacted *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* for each Judgment, which the Complainant paid, over and above the Conſtables Fees, and Charge of the Warrants; it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the ſaid two Juſtices, *Kirkbride* and *Stevenſon*, ought to be removed from their Offices; and that Order be given to the Attorney General forthwith to proſecute them for their Extortion.

9. *Reſolved*, That it being made appear to this Houſe, upon the Complaint of ſeveral Repreſentatives for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, that the Magiſtrates of the ſaid County have refuſed to allow the Complainants to diſcount their County Rates towards their Wages, as the Law of this Province in ſuch Caſe directs, and that ſome of the ſaid Magiſtrates have given expreſs Orders for the Collectors to diſtrain upon the ſaid Complainants, who are Creditors to the County much more than their Rates amount to; it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Proceedings of the ſaid Magiſtrates are illegal and arbitrary, and againſt the Rights and Privileges of Aſſembly.

10. May it pleaſe the Governor, there was this Day laid before the Houſe, a Complaint of many of the Inhabitants of this City and County, againſt one *Thomas Macnamara*, an Attorney at Law, for ſeveral Abuſes and Miſbehaviour which he is charged with; but inaſmuch as the Nature and Conſequence of the Charge is ſo well ſet forth in the ſaid Complaint, we preſume to lay a true Copy thereof before the Governor, earneſtly deſiring ſuch Relief therein, and all other the Premiſes, as to Juſtice appertains.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, N. C. D.

DAVID LLOYD, *Speaker.*

Ordered, That *William Lee* do acquaint the Governor, that the Houſe concedes to his Propoſal of Adjournment; and accordingly adjourned till the firſt Day of *June* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 1.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is met, and ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

They returned, and reported, that the Governor has received ſome Orders or Inſtructions from the Queen, which he intends to communicate to the Houſe at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 2.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *John Hood*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him, to receive what he has to communicate from the Queen, when he ſhall think fit to appoint.

They returned, and reported, that the Governor will be ready in Half an Hour, and when ready, will acquaint the Houſe therewith.

A Petition of ſeveral *Swedes*, antient Settlers and Inhabitants of this Government, complaining that their old Patents, whereby they held their Lands, have been fradulently gotten from them by the Proprietary or his Officers, and greater Quitrents exacted from them than at firſt they were obliged to pay, by the preſent Secretary, *James Logan*, who alſo reviles, abuſes, and threatens them, and praying Relief of this Aſſembly in the Premiſes; was brought to the Houſe and read, and ordered to be read again.

1709 4th Mo. 2. *James Logan* came and acquainted the House, that the Governor expected the Assembly to attend him forthwith at the Council-chamber.

And accordingly the Speaker, with the whole House, went to attend the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, That the Governor had made a Speech to the Assembly, and had delivered him a Letter from the Queen, for the furnishing a Quota of Men for an Expedition to *Canada*, and a Copy of the Queen's Instructions to Colonel *Vetch*, relating to the said Expedition; as also a Letter from several of the Inhabitants of *Newcastle*, requesting our Aid and Assistance against the common Enemy; but forasmuch as the Governor's Speech was not distinctly heard, and that he might be liable to mis-relate it to the House; therefore,

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, and *William Paxon*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that to prevent Mistakes, the House desire him to reduce the Substance of his Speech to Writing, and send it to the House, who will forthwith proceed to the Consideration thereof.

They returned, and reported, that they had acquainted him accordingly; and that he was pleased to tell them, he will send it to the House in the Afternoon; adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Post Meridiem. The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Joseph Wilcox brought the Governor's Speech in Writing to the House (that had been delivered him by *Stephen Gold*) which was ordered to be read, and is as followeth.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. 'THE Queen, for the Good of her Subjects of the Provinces, has fitted out an Expedition, with great Expence, for the Re-taking *Newfoundland*, and for the Conquest of *Canada*, and has intrusted Colonel *Vetch* with her Majesty's Letters to the respective Governors, and Instructions to agree on proper Measures for putting her Majesty's Designs in Execution. *Boston*, *Rhode-Island*, and *Connecticut*, have outdone her Majesty's Expectation; and I hope we shall not be wanting in our Duty.

'The Quota for this Province is One Hundred and Fifty Men, besides Officers, to be victualled and paid as those of the other Governments; the Charge, I suppose, will amount to about *Four Thousand Pounds*.

'Perhaps it may seem difficult to raise that Number of Men, in a Country where most of the Inhabitants are obliged, by their Principles, not to make use of Arms; but if you will raise, for the Support of Government, the Sum demanded, I don't doubt getting the Number of Men, whose Principles allow the Use of them, and Commissioners may be appointed for Disposal of the Country's Money, that the People may be satisfied that the Money is applied to no other Use than this Expedition.

'I must recommend to you the present Circumstances of the Three Lower Counties; you are not now falsely alarmed; *Newcastle* seems the only Place proper to make any Defence; I find them ready and willing to do any Thing in their Power for the Good of the Country, and look on themselves as a Frontier to you, tho' a weak One; and if they perish, in all Probability your Destruction will not be far off; therefore, in my Opinion, it is your Interest they be furnished with all Things necessary to oppose the Enemy.

'I have only to add, that as all private Affairs ought to be postponed to her Majesty's immediate Service, so it will not consist with my Duty to hearken to any Proposals, or enter on any Business with you, till her Majesty's Commands be complied with, and therefore desire you will give this Affair all possible Dispatch.'

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke*, and *Henry Lewis*, do wait upon the Governor, and desire to know what Answer he receiv'd from the Lieutenant Governor of *New-York*, to the Express lately sent him about the Privateers, who lately plundered the Town of *Lewes*, in *Sussex* County?

They returned, and acquainted the House, that they had delivered their Message to the Governor; who was pleased to tell them, he had received no Answer to the said Express.

Ordered, That the Queen's Letter be read in the House; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be again read, and debated by Paragraphs; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the farther Debate thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

4th Mo. 3. The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of several Bakers, complaining that the present established Assize of Bread is so large, that they cannot afford to comply therewith, unless they be allowed to make the Assize or Weight of Bread at the Rate or Price of *Six-pence per* Bushel upon the Price of Wheat more than the *Six-pence per* Bushel already allowed by Law; was brought to the House, and read, and ordered to be read again.

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The Governor's Speech, in Relation to the raiſing of Money for the Expedition to *Canada*, was again read, and debated. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

4th Mo. 3. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

4th Mo. 4.

A Motion being made, that in regard the Buſineſs propoſed by the Governor in his laſt Speech is a Matter of great Conſequence, that therefore this Houſe, or as many Members thereof as have Opportunity, may adviſe with as many of the principal Inhabitants of this Province, as conveniently they can, upon the Subject Matter of the Governor's Speech, before the Aſſembly proceed to a full Reſolution thereupon, and acquaint the Houſe with the Inclinations of the ſaid Inhabitants at their next Meeting; was agreed to by the Houſe. Adjourned till *Monday* next, at Two a Clock *Poſt Meridiem*, being the ſixth Day of this Inſtant.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

4th Mo. 6. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that he was informed that ſome of the chief Inhabitants of this Province, called *Quakers*, have had ſome Conference upon the Subject Matter of the Governor's Speech, but were come to no certain Concluſion or Reſult in the Premiſes, but were deſirous to have a Conference with the Aſſembly, or ſome of the Members thereof; and that *Samuel Carpenter*, and ſome others of the Governor's Council, with other Inhabitants, have had this Conference.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon*, and *Henry Lewis*, do go to the ſaid *Samuel Carpenter*; and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is ready to receive them, or any Thing which himſelf, and the reſt concerned, have to communicate to the Houſe.

They returned, and reported, that *Samuel Carpenter* declared, they had nothing to communicate to the Aſſembly as a Houſe, but were willing to have a private Conference this Evening, or To-morrow Morning.

Divers others of the Members reported to the Houſe, that they had conferred with ſome of the moſt principal Inhabitants upon the Subject Matter of the Governor's laſt Speech to the Houſe, and found them generally averſe to the raiſing of Money for the Uſes propoſed by the Governor. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

4th Mo. 7.

Edward Shippen, and *James Logan*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, "That the *Indians* of *Coneſtogoe* had ſent a Meſſage to the Governor, acquainting him, that they were ready to go up to the *Five Nations*, in order to pay their Tribute, but expected that the Governor or Secretary would come to *Coneſtogoe*, that they might have a Conference with one of them, before they went up: That the Voyage will be expenſive, and that the Governor had promiſed them an Anſwer this Week; that he had delay'd it as long as poſſible, that the Houſe might come to a Reſult on the other Buſineſs under their Conſideration; but was now under a Neceſſity of laying it before the Houſe, in order to give them a ſpeedy Anſwer."

Reſolved, That the Houſe will take the ſaid Meſſage into Conſideration.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon* go to the Secretary for the Law-book.

William Biles acquainted the Houſe, that himſelf, and divers other Members of this Houſe, had, this Morning, a private Conference, with ſome others of the Governor's Council, of the People called *Quakers*, upon the Subject Matter of the Governor's Speech, and Propoſal to the Houſe about the Supply for the Expedition to *Canada*, viz. *Edward Shippen*, *Samuel Carpenter*, *Joſeph Growdon*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *James Logan*, who were of Opinion, that the Houſe ought not to raiſe Money for the ſaid Expedition to *Canada*, but might very well make a Preſent, at this Juncture, of a Sum of Money to the Queen.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be again read; which was done accordingly:

And the Queſtion being put, that a Supply be raiſed for the Expedition to *Canada*, according to his Propoſal therein? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That the other Part of the Governor's Speech, relating to the Aſſiſting the Inhabitants of *Newcaſtle*, be alſo read; which being done accordingly, and the Queſtion put, that a Supply be raiſed for the ſaid Inhabitants as propoſed? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be raiſed as a Preſent for the Queen; and that the ſaid Sum be accounted as Part of her Revevenue? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech by To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Governor's Meſſage to the Houſe this Morning, by *Edward Shippen*, and *James Logan*, was taken into Conſideration; and, after the ſame was debated,

Ordered,

1709. *4th Mo.* 7. *Ordered*, That *Henry Paxon*, and *Thomas Hilbourn*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that when the Treaſurer was laſt with his Accounts before a Committee of the Aſſembly, a conſiderable Part of the laſt Tax was uncollected; which, if gathered, it was ſuppoſed would pay the Debts of the Province, and to ſpare; that the Houſe have ſince been given to underſtand, that the Collector of this County was to collect and pay in the Remainder or uncollected Part of the ſaid Tax by the Fourteenth of the laſt Month, but what has been done in it, the Houſe has yet had no Account of; neither would the late Governor lay before the Aſſembly an Account of the laſt Treaties or Meſſages when requeſted by the Houſe, as the Act enjoined him, which they now expect an Account of; that if, upon ſettling Accounts with the Treaſurer, there ſhall be a Supply, over and above what is already appropriated by Law, the Houſe will be ready to conſent to any reaſonable Propoſal for the Diſpoſal thereof, either to defray the Charge of the preſent intended Treaty, or otherwiſe as the Governor and Aſſembly ſhall agree; that in regard the Buſineſs now before the Houſe is of great Moment, that the Governor will be pleaſed to order ſome other proper Perſon to treat with the *Indians* in his Stead, and to endeavour the Continuance of a good Correſpondence with them.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Meſſage; and that the Governor acquainted them, the Houſe may expect to hear from him To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *4th Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to draw an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the ſecond Inſtant, brought the ſaid Anſwer to the Houſe, where the ſame was read, and ordered to be tranſcribed.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, that the Secretary, and another Member of Council, was ordered, laſt Night, to acquaint the Aſſembly, that there was an abſolute Neceſſity for Money to defray the Charge of going to treat with the *Indians* at *Coneſtogoe*, which muſt be this Week, becauſe they are bound to go to thoſe of the *Five Nations*, to whom they are Tributaries.

Whereupon it is ordered that the Speaker iſſue his Warrant to the Treaſurer, for Payment of any Sum not exceeding *Fifteen Pounds*, new Currency, out of the Publick Stock, for making ſuch Preſents to the *Indians* as the Governor and his Council ſhall think fit upon this Occaſion; as alſo for the Charge of the Journey.

The Addreſs to the Governor being tranſcribed, was ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor.

Ordered, That *Samuel Levis*, *John Cooke*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do wait upon the Governor, and deliver the ſaid Addreſs (together with the Speaker's Warrant to the Treaſurer, for Payment of the Money ordered for the Charges of the *Indian* Treaties) which ſaid Addreſs is as followeth.

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Eſq; by the Queen's royal Approbation, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the ſaid Province in ASSEMBLY met, preſented to the Governor the 8th Day of *June*, 1709.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs to the Governor. THY *Speech of the ſecond Inſtant, containing Matters of ſo great Importance, and affecting the Generality of the Inhabitants of this Province in their religious Perſwaſions, we thought it our Duty to confer with ſome of the moſt principal of them, which has occaſioned our Anſwer to be thus long retarded.*

We are very ſenſible that our gracious Sovereign, the Queen, has been at a vaſt Expence upon the Deſigns which the Governor is pleaſed to mention; and were it not that the raiſing Money to hire Men to fight (or kill one another) is Matter of Conſcience to us, and againſt our religious Principles, we ſhould not be wanting, according to our ſmall Abilities, to contribute to thoſe Deſigns.

We do not conceive ourſelves more liable to Danger, by the ill Neighbourhood of the French *at* Canada, *than our Neighbours of* Maryland, Virginia, *and the Three Lower Counties, which makes us apprehenſive, that ſome diſaffected to this Province, have miſrepreſented us to the Queen, whoſe Tenderneſs to us and our Principles, and Readineſs to render her Subjects, of all Perſwaſions, eaſy and happy, engages us to pray for the long Continuance of her glorious Reign and Adminiſtration over us.*

May it pleaſe the Governor, tho' we cannot for Conſcience Sake comply with the furniſhing a Supply for ſuch Defence as thou propoſes, yet in Point of Gratitude to the Queen, for her great and many Favours to us, we have reſolved to raiſe a Preſent of Five Hundred Pounds, *which we humbly hope ſhe will be pleaſed to accept, as a Teſtimony of our unfeigned Loyalty, and thank-*

thankful Acknowledgment, for her Grace and Clemency towards us, and the reſt of her Subjects; and tho' the Meanneſs of the Preſent be ſuch as is unworthy of the Favour of her Acceptance (which, indeed, is cauſed, not thro' Want of Good-will, and loyal Affection, but by Inability and Poverty, occaſioned by great Loſſes, late Taxes miſapplied, Lowneſs of the Staple Commodities of the Country, great Damp upon Trade, and our Neighbours Non-compliance with the Queen's Proclamation for reducing the Coin; yet we hope ſhe will be graciouſly pleaſed to regard the hearty and cordial Affections of us her poor Subjects, inſtead of a Preſent of Value; and to prevent Miſapplication thereof, we have agreed that it ſhall be accounted Part of the Queen's Revenue. 1709. 4th Mo. 8.

We therefore humbly intreat the Governor to put a candid Conſtruction upon our Proceedings, and repreſent us favourably to our Gracious Sovereign, the Queen, to whom, we truſt, we ſhall ever approve ourſelves (tho' poor) her moſt loyal and dutiful Subjects.

We are ſorry Newcaſtle *ſhould be in ſuch Danger as thy Speech intimates; but are very apprehenſive, that if the Vice Admiral was more diligent in obliging the Men of War, allowed by the Queen for that Purpoſe, to ſcour the Coaſts of thoſe Robbers, both they at* Newcaſtle, *and thoſe here, who depend on ſuch Protection, would be better ſatisfied; and did not a Compliance with their Requeſt fall under the ſame Objection as thy other Propoſal, we ſhould, next to that, give it the Preference, and have complied to the utmoſt with their Expectation.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to carry the Addreſs to the Governor, reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered the ſame, with the Speaker's Warrant, to the Treaſurer, according to Order. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The *Swedes* Petition being again read,

Ordered, That a Copy thereof be laid before the Governor, requeſting that the ſaid Petitioners may be relieved. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 9.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Joſhua Carpenter*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, and deliver him a Copy of the *Swedes* Petition, requeſting him to give them ſpeedy Relief; as alſo to know the Governor's Anſwer concerning our late Complaint againſt the Juſtices of *Bucks* County, and *Philadelphia*.

They returned, and reported, that they had endeavoured to ſpeak with the Governor, but could not meet with him.

And, after ſending other Meſſengers, who returned with the former Anſwer, that the Governor could not be found, the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to attend the Governor with the Copy of the *Swedes* Petition, *&c.* reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage, with the ſaid Copy, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that he had told the Aſſembly already, that he would receive nothing from them till they had anſwered his Propoſal about the Queen's Buſineſs. Whereupon the ſaid Members told him, that there was nothing from the Governor before the Houſe but what was already anſwered: And preſſing to know what was done in the Buſineſs of the Juſtices of the County of *Bucks* and *Philadelphia*, he was pleaſed to tell them, that he had ordered the Juſtices of *Bucks* to proceed and go on in their Buſineſs, notwithſtanding the Accuſation of the Aſſembly, who had condemned and judged them without Evidence or Hearing: And that there was Half a Dozen turbulent Perſons in the Houſe, diſaffected to the Welfare and Proſperity of the Province, which, if they deſired, he would name to them, or to that Effect; and that for the Time to come, ſeeing Words were but Wind, he intended to receive no Meſſages from, nor ſend any to, the Aſſembly but in Writing. And being deſired by the ſaid Members to nominate the ſaid diſaffected Perſons; he anſwered, he would not name them now but another Time, only that one was an old Man, of *Bucks* County, whoſe Name was *William Biles*.

Samuel Carpenter, and *Caleb Puſey*, brought a written Meſſage from the Governor, which was read and is as followeth.

The GOVERNOR'S *ANSWER to the* ASSEMBLY'S *Addreſs*, June 9. 1709.

GENTLEMEN,

'HER Majeſty's Commands to me, which I have laid before you, to have your neceſſary Aſſiſtance therein, as they concern a Matter of the vaſteſt Importance to the Security of all her Dominions here, ſo by them her Majeſty's great Care and Tender- Governor's Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

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'ness to her Subjects appear to a Degree, that should incite all concerned, to lay hold on 'the Opportunity to express their Gratitude and Affection with the sincerest and most effec- 'tual Demonstrations that can be given.

'The Glory of her Majesty's Reign has not appeared in any one Thing more eminently, 'than in the excellent Improvement she has always made of the vast Supplies which her 'Subjects have, with the greatest Alacrity, raised to answer the publick Necessities, that 'have always been equal to them. These Supplies, Gentlemen, are not less than One Fifth 'Part, yearly, of all the Rents of *Great-Britain*, besides many other Duties, all which are rea- 'dily paid by People of all Perswasions; because they know they are only employed to the 'Advantage of the Givers; and yet their Losses by Sea, and the Damp on their Trade, has 'been at least as great at Home as can be any where pretended in her Majesty's other Do- 'minions.

'I cannot therefore, without some Surprize, take Notice of your Neglect, in the Sum 'you have mentioned to me, as agreed on to be presented to her Majesty upon this valuable 'Opportunity now given you to shew yourselves truly dutiful Subjects. Words alone, I as- 'sure you, Gentlemen, are not much valued by the Ministry at Home; and *Five Hundred* '*Pounds* from *Pennsylvania*, will add to them but very little Weight. You say, that were 'it not that raising Money to hire Men to fight is against your religious Principles, you should 'not be wanting, according to your Abilities, to contribute to the Designs in Hand; but al- 'tho' you find a Scruple in Matters of War, no Conscience can be pleaded to prevent you 'from dutifully offering to her Majesty, at a Time when her publick Necessities so much 'crave it, a Sum that may become you to give, as well as be, in some Measure, worthy 'her Majesty's Acceptance.

''Tis certain, that in Time of so hazardous and expensive a War, most Countries concerned 'in it may have Reason to complain of a growing Poverty, the general Effects of War; 'yet notwithstanding all the Reasons assigned by you, which equally reach most other 'Places (the misapplying of Taxes only excepted, which, I have not yet found any one ca- 'pable to explain to me) I hope this Country has not, as yet, the greatest Reason of all others 'to complain: The Government is small, it is true; but I cannot perceive that many labour 'under Want in it. However, if we have but little, let us freely give a suitable Part of it; 'let a reasonable Assessment of so much in the Pound be honestly laid (it need not, I be- 'lieve, exceed *Four-pence*, or *Sixpence* at most, upon this important Occasion) and what- 'ever the People's Estates be, the Tax will then be proportionable, and equal to Rich and 'Poor; and to make it easier, because Money is scarce, it may be sent out in Provisions, 'which the Country may now be in a better Condition to spare.

'To be short, Gentlemen, her Majesty's Subjects contribute largely every where to the 'Necessities of the Publick; and it can never be reconciled to a dutiful Affection in you, 'to exempt yourselves, as your present Offer is but little better than an Exemption; it is so 'very inconsiderable, that I cannot perswade myself to be Accessary to so great a Slight of 'her Majesty, as to assent to any Act for it: I therefore earnestly press you, as you tender 'your Duty to her Majesty, the Honour of the Province, your Safety and future Security, 'the Enjoyment of your present Privileges, and your own Reputation, to take this Matter 'again into your most serious Consideration; believe it to be of the highest Importance, 'not only to you, but your whole Profession; for tho' I perceive the Principal of those in 'this Place are for acting generously, and as becomes them, towards her Majesty, yet your 'Proceedings at this Time will, by many, be interpreted hereafter to affect them all.'

CHARLES GOOKIN.

Ordered, That the said Message be again read, and debated; which being done, and the Question put, that an additional Sum, to that already agreed on, be raised as the Governor proposes? *Passed in the Negative.*

The House then taking into Consideration, that the Governor, upon the Information of several eminent Persons, called *Quakers* (as he says) has charged divers Members of this House with being turbulent Persons, and disaffected to the Government, with other severe Reflections;

Resolved, N. C. D. That the Charge is of a high Nature, and that therefore the Governor be requested to inform the House of the Names of the said Members, and the particular Charges against them; together also with the Names of their Accusers, to the End that proper Measures may be taken concerning them, and if found guilty of the Charge, they may be expelled the House; and in this the House desire Satisfaction, before they proceed to other Business.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *William Lee*, attend the Governor with the said Message immediately, and that it be delivered him in Writing.

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They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the said Message according to Order; and the Governor was willing to wave giving Answer, but prest that the House would consider his last written Message, by which they understood him to mean the Answer he had sent to the Proposals of the House, in their Address about raising the Money intended for a Present to the Queen. 1709. 4th Mo. 9.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox* draw a Reply to the said Answer, and bring it to the House To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 4th Mo. 10.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Henry Paxon*, and *Samuel Levis*, do wait upon the Governor, and desire an Answer to the written Message sent him last Night.

They returned, and reported, that the Governor has nothing to say to it.

Joseph Wilcox brought the Reply, ordered to be drawn last Night, to the House, where the same was read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY's REPLY to the GOVERNOR's Answer, sent to the House the Ninth Instant.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Reply to the Governor's Answer.

THY *Answer to our Address of the eighth Instant, exciting us to augment the Present agreed on for the Queen, has been duly considered by this House, who have nothing to object against the excellent Improvement she has made of the Supplies raised by her Subjects, which, thou art pleased to say, are not less than a Fifth Part, yearly, of all the Rents of* Great-Britain. *This renders the Present we intended so very Diminutive in thy Estimation, that thou art surprized at our Neglect; but we hope, upon better Consideration, thou wilt be of another Opinion.*

The Taxes in Great-Britain *are upon the Profits or Incomes, not as here, upon the whole Estate itself; and we are apprehensive, by a Computation of former Taxes, that* Two-pence, *or* Two-pence Half-penny per Pound, *of the late Currency, will be the least that can be raised on these Three poor Counties, to answer the Present we intended, with the incident Charges, which if the latter, we take to be as great, or a greater Tax than has been laid at one Time on the Subjects of* Great-Britain, *in this or the last Reign. The most we have heard of has been One Fifth Part, or* Four Shillings *in the* Pound, *on the Rents and Incomes; at which Rate,* One Hundred Pounds *Ground Rent* per Annum *pays* Twenty Pounds; *but by our Method of assessing, the same Rent, valued at twenty Years Purchase, or* Two Thousand Pounds, *must pay* Twenty Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, *and* Eight-pence. *This is more than Words alone, and we think, how small soever the Sum may seem, it is evident it will be heavier on the People here, than it has been at any one Time on those mentioned; which, we suppose, would have excused the Smallness of our Present with the Queen, as coming from one of the meanest and poorest of her Colonies.*

We grant most Countries concerned in War may, in some Sense, complain of Poverty, as the Effects of it, as well as we, who have shewn above, that we urged not that to excuse our Want of Generosity. And to explain what we mean by misapplying of Taxes, we must acquaint thee, that about three Years ago, a Tax was laid on this Province of Two-pence Half-penny per Pound, *and an Impost and Excise upon some Goods imported and retailed, which was appropriated to certain Uses* (viz) Eight Hundred Pounds, *with Half the Impost, to the Support of Government; this the late Lieutenant Governor received, with other Perquisites, which ought to be applied to the Support of Government, as the late Assembly signified to him in* August *last, whereunto we refer: The Money so appropriated, has* [notwithstanding the express Words of the Act] *been kept or misapplied by him, and he refused to give the last Assembly any Account thereof, which is a sufficient Caution to this House in the Premises: But we think it material to mention this, to shew that raising Money for Support of Government, as thou proposed in thy late Speech, has been done already, to a very considerable Value, and that the same has been paid to the said* Evans, *who ought to be responsible for the whole, or so much as has not been applied to defray the publick Charges and Exigences of Government, and do expect thee to take Care thereof; and that this was the Design of the Assembly, who granted the said Tax, whatever some may suggest to the contrary, both the Words of that Law, and the Address of the same Assembly, in* June 1706, *signed by the then Speaker,* Joseph Growdon, *in answer to the Lieutenant Governor's Proposal for a Supply to raise Fortifications, are a sufficient Proof.*

We hope it is manifest, and easily reconcilable to our Duty and Affection to the Queen, that what we would have presented her withal, was not so very inconsiderable, as to be little better than an Exemption. A small Handful of poor People, as we are, cannot be expected to do much, and where want of Ability is, we doubt not, our good Will would, with our gracious Queen, have been regarded; but seeing thou cannot assent to an Act for that Purpose, we cannot help it; tho' it is our Opinion, that by whatever Counsel thou may have been influenced in this Matter, it would

1709. 4th Mo. 10. *would have behoved thee to conſider how far thou (being a Fellow Subject) canſt interpoſe between us and our Sovereign, and whether it is conſiſtent with thy Duty to endeavour to bar up our Way, and obſtruct the Queen's Clemency towards us, her poor, but truly cordial Subjects.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe, N. C. D.

DAVID LLOYD, *Speaker.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *Francis Cooke*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Reply. Adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Perſons appointed to carry the Reply to the Governor, reported, that they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Ordered, That *Henry Paxon*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, do attend the Governor, and deſire to know whether he thinks fit to proceed farther to Buſineſs at this Time?

Ordered, That *Thomas Pearſon*, and *Henry Lewis*, do go to the Treaſurer, and deſire him to put the publick Accounts in Order, and that he attend a Committee of this Houſe with the ſaid Accounts, at Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, that an humble Addreſs be drawn, and ſent to the Queen from this Aſſembly, ſignifying the Reaſons why this Houſe cannot comply with the Requeſt of the Lieutenant Governor, concerning the Supply for the Expedition to *Canada:*

Reſolved, That the ſame be drawn accordingly; and the Speaker and *Joſeph Wilcox* is deſired to prepare and bring it to the Houſe To-morrow Morning if poſſible.

The Members appointed to attend the Governor, returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, that ſeeing the Aſſembly had not anſwered his Propoſals about the Queen's Buſineſs, he intended to proceed no farther with them; but before they left him, he acquainted them, that he intended to adviſe with his Council, and that the Houſe ſhall hear farther from him by Half an Hour after Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 4th Mo. 11. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, and *Iſaac Norris*, brought a written Meſſage from the Governor, which was read, and is as followeth.

The GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY, June 11. 1709.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. 'WHAT I have ſo earneſtly preſt you to in the Matter now before us, as on the one 'Hand it was abſolutely neceſſary in me, for the Diſcharge of my own Duty to her 'Majeſty, in anſwer to her royal Letter, ſo on the other Hand I apprehended nothing could 'be more to your Advantage, than thus to put you upon an effectual Way of recommend-'ing yourſelves to her Favour; but you look upon it as a Deſign in me to interpoſe be-'tween her Majeſty and you, than which nothing has been farther from my Thoughts. 'I ſhall not be againſt your proceeding in any Method that you can, with Reaſon, believe 'will recommend you there.

'That *Two-pence Half-penny per Pound*, as laid here on the Value of Eſtates, is not at 'all equivalent to *Four Shillings* in the *Pound* on all yearly Rents, might be eaſily made ap-'pear; but I ſhall not now ſpend Time upon it, only muſt take Notice, that if you think 'fit to lay but that Aſſeſſment equally and juſtly, I have Reaſon to believe it will raiſe a Sum 'that will come better up to anſwer the End.

'I queſtion, Gentlemen, whether you ever had more at Stake than at this Time; and 'am of Opinion, that more than you ſeem to be apprehenſive of depends on your pre-'ſent Reſolutions: It is certain, you cannot more effectually gratify thoſe, who deſire a Diſ-'ſolution of the preſent Government, than by not diſcharging your Duty at this Conjuncture, 'of which, I ſhall once more deſire you ſeriouſly to conſider, and come to full Reſolutions 'without any Loſs of Time.'

CHARLES GOOKIN.

Ordered, That the Speaker grant *Joſeph Wilcox* an Order upon the Treaſurer for ſo much as now accrues due to him, for his preſent Service of the Houſe as Clerk, according to the Agreement of this Aſſembly, being *Six Shillings per* Day old, or *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence* new Currency, being by Computation Thirty-two Days, amounting to *Seven Pounds Four Shillings*, new Currency; which was done accordingly.

The Governor's written Meſſage being again read and debated,

Reſolved,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that foraſmuch as the Governor has refuſed to give his Aſſent to the Propoſals of this Houſe for raiſing *Five Hundred Pounds* for the Queen; and alſo refuſed to proceed to other Buſineſs, till it is now ſo near the approaching Harveſt, that the Houſe cannot well enter upon the Conſideration of it till their next Meeting; that therefore the Governor be acquainted with the Neceſſity the Aſſembly is under of adjourning till the Harveſt is over; of which alſo they acquainted him Yeſterday, and that they ſuppoſe this cannot prove an injurious Delay, becauſe the Money intended to be raiſed was not deſigned for the Expedition to *Canada*, but to be a Part of the Queen's Revenue, and to be ſafely lodged here till the Queen ſhall be pleaſed to order the Diſpoſal of it. 1709. 4th Mo. 11.

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes*, *John Cooke*, and *Ezra Croaſdale*, do wait upon the Governor with a written Meſſage, according to the ſaid Reſolve; and that he be thereby alſo deſired to anſwer the late Requeſt of this Houſe, concerning the Members who are ſaid to be turbulent Perſons, and diſaffected to the Government; and to inform the Houſe alſo of the Names of their Accuſers, which the Aſſembly deſire to know before they proceed to other Buſineſs.

The Perſons appointed to draw an Addreſs to the Queen, brought the ſaid Addreſs to the Houſe, where the ſame was read; and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Queen, with Duplicates, by the firſt good Opportunities.

The Members appointed to deliver the laſt Meſſage from the Houſe to the Governor, reported, that they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Stephen Gold brought an Anſwer from the Governor to one Part of the ſaid Meſſage, which was read, and is as followeth.

To the Houſe of REPRESENTATIVES.

GENTLEMEN,

'I EXPECT the Houſe ſhall not adjourn any longer than from Day to Day, till the Buſineſs, farther recommended to you this Morning, ſhall be iſſued.' Governor's Speech.

Saturday, *June* 11. 1709. *CHARLES GOOKIN.*

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon*, *John Cooke*, *Richard Hayes*, *Henry Paxon*, and *Ezra Croaſdale*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that foraſmuch as he has aſſured the Houſe, that he will not proceed to the Conſideration of any other Buſineſs till an Iſſue be put to his late Propoſals, which will neceſſitate the greateſt Part of the Members to give Attendance without doing any Thing for the Service of the Country, whilſt a Bill for that Purpoſe is preparing; that the Drawing of the ſaid Bill will take a conſiderable Time to effect; and that therefore he be deſired to conſent that the Houſe may adjourn for ſome Time (by reaſon of the Harveſt) and that they will endeavour to appoint a Committee to prepare the ſaid Bill in the Interval.

The ſaid Members reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor (at the Door of the Council-chamber) according to Order; and that the Governor was not pleaſed to conſent to the propoſed Adjournment at preſent, but aſſured them he will adviſe with his Council upon it, and that the Houſe ſhall know his Mind on *Monday* next. Adjourned till *Monday*, the thirteenth Inſtant, at Nine a Clock in the Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 13.

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, *John Cooke*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, do go to the Governor, and deſire a full Anſwer to the laſt written Meſſage ſent him on the eleventh Inſtant; and, that if the Governor give no ſatisfactory Anſwer to the Houſe therein, but preſs the Buſineſs he laſt recommended of raiſing *Two-pence Half-penny per Pound*, that then they acquaint him, that the Houſe is not willing to proceed to any other Buſineſs till they have an Account of the Perſons who accuſed ſeveral of the Members of this Aſſembly, and charged them with being turbulent and ſeditious Perſons; and that there being now but a bare Quorum of the Members, nor likely to be more till after Harveſt, the Aſſembly is of Opinion, that it will be hazardous, and not adviſable, to put that Buſineſs to the Queſtion till there be a fuller Houſe.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that he will not proceed to any other Buſineſs till that of the Queen's be firſt iſſued; neither was he pleaſed to give the Houſe any Satisfaction, concerning the great Abuſe of divers of their Members by the ſaid Accuſation, whereof he formerly acquainted ſome of the Members of this Aſſembly, tho' often requeſted by the Houſe to nominate the Perſons accuſed, and to inform the Houſe of the ſpecial Matters charged againſt them, and by whom the ſaid Charge will be made good.

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Reſolved, That the Houſe will proceed upon the farther Conſideration of the Governor's late Propoſal the firſt Thing To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning.

4th Mo. 13. Adjournment.

4th Mo. 14. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Governor's laſt written Meſſage, ſent in the Morning of the eleventh Inſtant, together with his Anſwer to the Meſſengers ſent to attend him with a Meſſage laſt Night, being again conſidered and debated in the Houſe, occaſioned the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

Reſolved, N. C. D. That this Houſe cannot agree to the Governor's Propoſals of raiſing Money, directly or indirectly, for the Expedition to *Canada*, for the Reaſons formerly given.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That the Houſe do continue their Reſolution of raiſing *Five Hundred Pounds* as a Preſent for the Queen, and do intend to prepare a Bill for that Purpoſe at their next Meeting, and not before, which they intend ſhall be on the fifteenth Day of *Auguſt* next.

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *Richard Hayes*, and *Samuel Dark*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Reſolves: Who returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

The Number of Days which the Aſſembly hath ſerved being computed by the Journal of the Houſe, and it appearing, that in the Order granted *Joſeph Wilcox* of the eleventh Inſtant, there is an Omiſſion of three Days, which he has ſerved as Clerk of this Aſſembly.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order upon the Treaſurer, to pay the ſaid *Joſeph Wilcox Twenty-two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, new Currency, for immediate Service to the Houſe, omitted in the laſt Order, and accrued ſince.

Richard Heath's Account for *Thirteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, being conſidered by the Houſe,

Reſolved, That he be referred to the Secretary, who employed him, for Satisfaction.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to ſign a Warrant to the Treaſurer, for the Doorkeeper's Wages, being *Five Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings*, old Currency; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fifteenth Day of the Month called *Auguſt* next, unleſs the Governor think fit to requeſt their Attendance ſooner.

Adjournment.

5th Mo. 26. THE Governor having ordered the Sheriffs of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and the City of *Philadelphia*, to ſummon the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, to meet him in Aſſembly this Day, divers of the ſaid Repreſentatives met accordingly; but not being a full Houſe, the Members preſent agreed to meet again at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

5th Mo. 27. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to proceed to Buſineſs.

They returned, and acquainted the Houſe, they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, he has ſomething to communicate to the Houſe when he can get his Council together, which he intended this Afternoon. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

James Logan, in a Meſſage from the Governor acquainted the Houſe, 'That the Governor deſired the Houſe to attend him forthwith at the Council Chamber.'

And accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, went to attend the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, which he read, and promiſed to ſend a Copy thereof to the Houſe as ſoon as it could be tranſcribed.

James Logan came again to the Houſe in a Meſſage from the Governor, and acquainted the Aſſembly, 'That the Governor ordered him to give a Relation of the ſeveral Meſſages ſent to the *Indians* at *Saſquehanna*; which he did; and farther informed the Houſe, that the Governor's Indiſpoſition obſtructed his going up to *Coneſtogoe*, to viſit the *Indians*, as he intended; therefore preſt that the Houſe will conſider of a Preſent for them, to the Value of *Twenty-five Pounds*.'

Which Relation being debated and conſidered,

Reſolved, That altho' the Account given by the ſaid *James Logan*, concerning the ſaid Meſſages, is not ſatisfactory to this Houſe, yet in regard the Chief of thoſe *Indians* are come to Town, if any will credit the Publick with Goods that will ſuit the *Indians*, to the Value of *Twenty-five Pounds* [*being the Sum propoſed by the ſaid* James Logan, *as ſufficient for Preſents for them at this Time*] the ſame ſhall be re-paid out of the firſt Publick Money that ſhall be raiſed.

Whereupon *Abraham Bickley* offered to ſupply them accordingly; and *Griffith Jones*, and *John Cooke*, were ordered to acquaint the Governor therewith.

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The said *James Logan* also delivered the Speaker a Copy of the Governor's Speech, which was ordered to be read, and is as followeth. 1709. 5th Mo. 27.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech.

'THE Boldness of our Enemies this Summer, in plundering *Lewes*, watering in our Bay, and sounding it as they past along, is so remarkable, that it may justly give us Occasion to apprehend a nearer Visit; therefore, if Means cannot be immediately found to oppose such an Attempt with a sufficient Force, yet several other Things might be done if there were a Fund to defray necessary Charges upon an Emergency, that might in some Measure conduce to our greater Security; but at present we are so unprovided, that there is not Money to pay an Express on any Occasion. To supply this great Defect, I found myself obliged to call you together at this Time.

'The Chiefs of several Nations of our *Indians* being now come in, there is an immediate Necessity also for a Supply to make them a reasonable Present. I need not inform you of how great an Importance it is to keep a good Correspondence with these People upon the easy Terms it has hitherto been done in this Government; Half of what you allowed for this Purpose has been expended on Messages, and the other Half at least in Provisions, so that nothing remains thereof for a Present.

'I am sensible Money cannot be just now raised to answer this End; but you may find Means to procure Credit, so that they may not go away empty.

'I must also now take Notice that there is no Manner of Provision for my own Support. The Assemblies of this Province have too often had an Eye, in this Case, upon the Proprietary; but his late hard Treatment, from some he had too far trusted, has utterly disabled him (were it in itself reasonable) to continue any such Provision; therefore it is necessary you immediately resolve to contribute what is proper in this Point, otherwise you must expect a Change that may prove more chargeable.

'What is truly necessary to be done for the general Good of the Publick, I will readily agree to; but must desire the shortest Methods may be taken to obtain this; and what I have now proposed to you, being of immediate Necessity, may be answered without any Manner of Delay.

Ordered, That the said Speech be again read, and debated, the first Business the House proceeds on To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 5th Mo. 28.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed last Night to acquaint the Governor that the House has procured Credit to supply the *Indians* with a Present, to the Value of *Twenty-five Pounds*, proposed by the Secretary, reported, that they had informed him thereof accordingly.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be again read, and debated by Paragraphs; which being done accordingly,

Resolved, That the House do agree to raise a Supply for Support of this Goverment, according to the Governor's Proposals; as also a Supply for his own Support, with all convenient Speed.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the Sum to be raised for Support of the Governor and Government be *Five Hundred Pounds*, of the present Currency? *Passed in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds* thereof (besides the common Perquisites of Government) be appropriated to the Governor's own Support. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Post Meridiem.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Daniel Hoopes*, do go to the Treasurer, and enquire of him if the last Tax is all collected, and paid into his Hands?

They returned, and reported, that the Treasurer informed them, that he hath received no more than *Eight Pounds* (which was from the Sheriff of *Chester* County) since he last gave the House an Account of the Publick Money, which had come into his Hands by the said Tax.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox* draw an Answer to the Governor's Speech, and bring it to the House To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 5th Mo. 29.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Joseph Wilcox brought to the House an Answer drawn to the Governor's Speech, according to the Order of the House last Night, which was read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

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1709.
5th Mo. 29. The ASSEMBLY's ANSWER to the GOVERNOR's Speech of the 27th of *July*, 1709.

Assembly's Answer to the Governor's Speech.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

WE *are heartily sorry for the Losses of our Neighbours at* Lewes; *and if Providence should permit the Enemy to come nearer, the Governor has been already acquainted how far the Generality of the People of this Province can oppose such an Attempt.*

We are credibly informed, that the Queen, out of her wonted Care for the Protection of her Subjects, in these Parts, as well as the Trade of the Bay and River, has ordered one of her Men of War, called the Garland, *lately arrived at* Virginia, *to cruize between our Capes and Cape* Hatteras, *and provide a Sloop to tend him; so that it may be expected the Coast will soon be cleared of those Pirates.*

We admire, that notwithstanding the great Sums which have been lately raised for the Support of this Government, and to defray the publick Exigences thereof, we are left so unprovided, as the Governor is pleased to mention: We cannot, without violating our Trust, but earnestly request the Governor's Assistance to call the late Governor and Secretary to Account, and that they may not be suffered to depart this Province before they render an Account, and make Satisfaction for that Money, which should have been applied for the Use of the Publick.

We have agreed, that over and above the Five Hundred Pounds, *lately voted for the Queen, there shall be raised the Sum of* Three Hundred Pounds, *as a Fund, to pay for all necessary Expresses, and defray some other publick Charges, whereof the Present now made to the* Indians, *at thy Request, will be Part.*

In the next Place, we agreed to raise Two Hundred Pounds *to augment those Perquisites that are properly applicable to thy own Support, which we freely grant of our Benevolence, expecting no other Returns but thy candid Construction of our Proceedings, and hearty Concurrence in redressing the publick Grievances of this Province, divers of them having been heretofore laid before thee.*

We return thee the Thanks of this House for the kind Assurance thou hast given us of thy Readiness to assent to what is necessary for the general Good, which, as it answers the true End of Government, so must it necessarily gain the Hearts and Affections, as well as Purses, of the People under it, to whom a Change would then be very unacceptable.

We readily grant, that the shortest Methods to obtain this are the most desireable; and once more recommend to thy Consideration those Bills prepared by former Assemblies, and agreed to by this House, being about Eleven or Twelve in Number, viz. *The Bill for establishing Courts, and regulating the exorbitant Fees of Officers, the Bill for settling Property, impowering religious Societies,* &c. *to buy and sell Lands; a supplementary Act for County Levies,* &c. *with the others, long since laid before the late Lieutenant Governor, whereunto we earnestly desire thy Concurrence, with what other reasonable Bills may be prepared by this Assembly; or otherwise, be pleased to let us know thy Objections to those Bills, and we shall readily agree to any reasonable Proposals of Amendments to any of them with all possible Dispatch.*

Signed by Order of the House of Representatives, *N. C. D.*

July 29. 1709. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, *Samuel Levis*, *William Lee*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do carry the said Answer to the Governor; and also acquaint him with the Treasurer's Answer to the House Yesterday; and request him to dispatch the Bills lying before him.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to tell them, he will speedily call the Collectors to Account; and also dispatch the Bills lying before him, as the House desires. Adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

5th Mo. 30. The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the Governor's last Speech, and the Assembly's Answer, be sent to the Coffee-house for publick View? *Passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do wait upon the Governor, and desire to know if he has yet considered of the Bills recommended to him by this House, to which the Assembly's Answer, Yesterday, referred; also to request him that the Deeds, whereby this Province has been reconveyed by *Philip Ford*'s Executors to the Proprietary, or others in Trust for him, may be laid before this House.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to assure them, that the House shall hear from him some time this Day: And one of the said Messengers brought from the Secretary a Copy of the Deeds of Reconveyance from the Executors of *Philip Ford* for this Province, which was forthwith ordered to be read in the House.

Ordered,

1709. 5th Mo. 30.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamson* wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House has long waited to hear from him.

He returned, and reported, that the Governor will send to the House forthwith.

Richard Hill, and *James Logan*, brought a Written Message from the Governor, being a Reply to the Assembly's Answer to the Governor's Speech, which was read, and is as followeth.

The GOVERNOR'S REPLY *to the* ASSEMBLY'S *Answer, dated the 29th of* July, 1709.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Reply to the Assembly's Answer.

'I HAVE been made sensible, it is true, that a great Part of the Inhabitants of this 'Province cannot, in any Case, bear Arms, and therefore I have not proposed it to them: 'What I now offer is, that with a necessary Supply of Money, many Things might be 'done for our greater Security, without engaging any Man against his religious Persuasion.

'I am entirely ignorant what Orders the Commander of the *Garland* has received, in re- 'lation to this Place, and should be glad to be informed by any that know: If her Sta- 'tion be certainly what you mention, a small Expence, from this Government, might ren- 'der her more serviceable to us.

'I am willing, Gentlemen, to assist in any Thing that becomes me in my Station, but 'know not well how to understand what you now propose to me. Colonel *Evans* affirms 'he received only what was directly allowed, by the Assembly, for his own Support, and 'thinks himself not at all accountable for it. The Secretary seems to admire what induced 'the House to name him upon this Occasion, there being none of it payable to him but for 'his own Services as an Officer.

'I give you my Thanks for taking my Support into your Consideration; and hope, that 'a Resolution, on all Hands, to serve the Publick by the directest Methods, and to pro- 'mote Unanimity and a good Understanding among the People, will render future Provi- 'sions of this Kind more easy; I shall be ready to agree (as I have told you) to any Thing 'consistent with my Duty, and the Trust reposed in me, beyond which I hope none will 'expect me to move.

'I find several Bills that were sent up to the late Lieutenant Governor, but were not 'agreed to, of which the principal seems to be the Bill of Courts; concerning this, I am to 'inform you, that tho' the Proprietary is not at all against the establishing of Courts by a Law, 'yet that I am obliged, by his Instructions, not to agree to those Points in that Bill, which 'break in either upon his Powers in Government, or his just Interest, with which I cannot 'see why a Bill for establishing Courts should interfere. I am informed also, that the whole 'Constitution of Courts, as laid down in that Bill, might be very much mended; all that is 'to be desired in this Case is, that the Courts be sufficiently settled, for the Ease and Secu- 'curity of the People, without grasping farther, and to such a Bill I shall readily agree.

'A Regulation of Fees, I perceive, is extremely wanted, and ought to be done in a distinct 'Bill; many of those in the Bill of Courts seem to be too short, on the one Hand, as the ex- 'cessive Demands of some Officers are extravagant on the other; all which ought to be 'moderately and reasonably settled; and to do it more effectually and expeditiously, a Com- 'mittee ought to be appointed.

'Tho' I have caused the Bills I have mentioned to be viewed, yet I cannot think it proper 'to consider them fully unless they were the Acts of this present House; and therefore have 'returned them to you, that you may make so many of them such, as you shall now think 'fit to propose to me; but I must earnestly press you to review them in such a Manner as 'may best facilitate their Dispatch, and prevent all Disputes that may obstruct the publick 'Good. I am willing, on my Part, to do my Duty; and therefore I hope you will be care- 'ful that nothing be offered to me which I cannot assent to, without a Violation of my Ho- 'nour, and the Trust reposed in me.

'You have found Means, for which I thank you, to provide at this Time for the *Indi- 'ans*; but I hope the other Matters, recommended to you, will not be deferred any longer 'than you find a real Necessity for it.

July 30. 1709. *CHARLES GOOKIN.*

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, and *John Cooke*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that his Objections to the Bill of Courts, mentioned in the Reply, are expresst in such general Terms, that the House do not understand to what Parts of the Bill they are to be applied; therefore desire he will please to give his Objections more particularly at our next Meeting, which we intend shall be on the fifteenth Day of *August* next.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to tell them, he will get the particular Objections ready by the Time the House proposes to meet again.

1709. *Ordered*, That the Speaker ſign an Order upon the Treaſurer, to pay *Richard Newcomb Five Shillings* for immediate Service.

5th Mo. 30. *Ordered*, That the Speaker be deſired to prepare the Supply Bill, and bring it to the Houſe at their next Sitting. Adjourned till the Fifteenth Day of the *Sixth Month Auguſt* next.

6th Mo. 15. DIVERS of the Members of Aſſembly met, but a Quorum not appearing, the Members preſent agreed to meet again at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 16. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to proceed upon Buſineſs; and alſo deſire him to ſend the Bill of Courts, with his Objections, to the Houſe.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, he will call his Council by Eleven a Clock this Forenoon, and will then ſend his Anſwer to the Houſe.

The Speaker brought the Supply Bill to the Houſe, which was read, and ordered to be read again in the Afternoon. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That as much of the Supply Bill as can be read and debated by Paragraphs this Afternoon ſhall be forthwith proceeded on; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

6th Mo. 17. *Matthias Netſilius*, and *Morton Mortonſon* (two *Swedes*) came to the Houſe, requeſting an Anſwer to the *Swedes* Petition formerly laid before this Aſſembly; and being told that a Copy of their Petition was, long ſince, ſent to the Governor, and their Caſe recommended to his ſerious Conſideration by the Houſe; they acquainted the Houſe, that the *Swedes* intended, and reſolved, in caſe they could not obtain Relief here, to make Application elſewhere.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *Henry Lewis*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that ſome of the *Swedes* have been with the Aſſembly, requeſting an Anſwer to their Petition, a Copy whereof the Houſe lately ſent to the Governor, therefore deſire to know his Reſult and Concluſion thereupon; alſo to acquaint him, that the Houſe waits to know his Objections to the Bill of Courts.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Meſſages, according to Order; to the firſt whereof, the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that the Council will be together preſently, to conſider of the *Swedes* Petition, and that the Houſe ſhall then hear from him upon that Head: He alſo delivered them a written Meſſage to the Houſe, relating to the Bill of Courts, which was read, and is as followeth.

From the GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY, *a MESSAGE*, Auguſt 16. 1709.

Governor's Meſſage. ‘THE Governor, to comply with the Aſſembly's Requeſt, in relation to the Bill of Courts, has cauſed the moſt material Paſſages that paſſed between the Governor and Council on the one Hand, and the Aſſembly of this Province, choſen in the Year 1706, on the other, relating to that Bill, to be read, and finds the Objections, and Anſwers, and Debates, upon them, to be branched into ſo many Heads, that it would require more Time and Labour than can be now ſpared to conſider them all; therefore he is of Opinion, that the moſt effectual Method would be, to take the eſſential Parts of the Bill, as they were drawn into the Ordinance, by which the preſent Courts are now eſtabliſhed, into Conſideration, and upon the Experience had, from the Practice of the Courts ſince that Time, to make ſuch Alterations as may appear moſt convenient for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs, or neceſſary for the Publick Good, and to add ſuch other Matters out of the Bill as will be of Uſe for Practice, and are neceſſary to be enacted into a Law, waving whatever has been the Subject of thoſe long Debates; becauſe, that without any of theſe Additions, it appears that Courts may be effectually ſettled, and Juſtice duly adminiſtred, which is to be all that is to be laboured for in the Caſe.

‘Some of the Alterations that are thought neceſſary to be made in that Part of the Bill, by which the Courts have been eſtabliſhed, are repreſented to be theſe; That a more general Juriſdiction for the Provincial Court would be convenient; that the Courts of Equity ought to be held by other Perſons than thoſe who make up the Courts of Common Pleas; and that theſe laſt ought, in the County of *Philadelphia*, to be diſtinguiſhed and divided from the Courts of Quarter-Seſſions for the ſaid County; beſides which, 'tis probable, the Aſſembly may find ſome other Particulars fit to be reviewed.

‘The Governor is very deſirous that a Bill of Fees, diſtinct from that of Courts, may be immediately proceeded upon by a Committee, as he before propoſed; for he is of Opinion, with the Council, that it will be the ſafeſt Method to bring each diſtinct Matter into a ſe-

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'parate Act, that in case one be rejected, the rest may not fall with it. He seriously recommends Dispatch to the House in all Things necessary for the Honour and Well-being of the Government, and that nothing be suffered to interfere with those great Ends.' 1709. 6th Mo. 17.

CHARLES GOOKIN.

Samuel Preston, in a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, 'That the Governor desires that the Message last sent him may be sent again in Writing.'

Ordered, That *Joshua Hoopes* do wait upon the Governor with the said Message in Writing.

James Logan, in a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, 'That the Governor and Council expects a perfect Copy of the *Swedes* Petition, with the Hands of the Subscribers.'

Resolved, That the House will answer the Governor's Request, either by sending him the Petition itself for his Perusal, or a Copy thereof by the Hands of the Subscribers. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The *Swedes* came to the House, and gave an Account, that they had been with the Governor about the Matter of their Petition, but can get no Relief.

Ordered, That the *Swedes* attend the House To-morrow Morning, in order to know the Governor's Pleasure concerning them, after he has seen their Petition, with the Subscribers Hands thereunto.

Ordered, That *Joshua Carpenter*, *William Lee*, and *Samuel Levis*, do wait upon the Governor with the *Swedes* Petitition, and a Copy of the Subscribers Names, which last they are to leave with the Governor, but that, after he has perused the said Petition, they bring the same again to the House.

They returned, and reported, that they had been with the Governor, and had left with him a Copy of the Names of the Subscribers of the *Swedes* Petition; also, that they delivered him the said Petition, which, after he had read, he returned to them, and they now brought it back to the House.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox* draw an Answer to the Governor's written Message (sent this Day to the House) and bring it To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 18.

Joseph Wilcox brought to the House an Answer to the Governor's written Message Yesterday, which was ordered to be read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY'S ANSWER to the GOVERNOR'S Message of the 16th of *August*, brought to the House the 17th of the same Month.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Answer to the Governor's Message.

THO' the Debates between the Governor and the Assembly in the Year 1706, *upon the Bill of Courts, were branched into many Heads, as thou art pleased to observe, yet we find that Assembly conceded to divers Amendments, then proposed, to accommodate it to the Governor's Mind, so that there remained only two Particulars to which they could not agree; and altho' we are of Opinion the Bill is better adapted to the Circumstances of this Province in general, according to the first Draught, yet we are also willing to agree to those Amendments; and if thou insist on the Particulars then objected against, or any others, we desire to hear the Particulars, and we hope to give thee full Satisfaction concerning them (instead of the Method thou proposes) without Loss of Time.*

What Parts of that Bill were drawn into the Ordinance the Assembly, in general, are Strangers to; but are unanimously of Opinion, with the former Assemblies, that whilst the Representatives of the People are ready to establish Courts by a Law, that the setting them up by Ordinance of the Governor and Council, and exacting Fees, as now practised, is not warranted by the royal Charter (notwithstanding the Opinion of some to the contrary) but is so great an Aggrievance, that we must take Leave to assure thee of our Resolution to lay it before the Queen, unless thou prevent it by a speedy Redress before any other Matters be proceeded in.

Thou art pleased to tell us, that it appears the Courts may be effectually settled, and Justice duly administred, without any of these Additions contained in the Bill. We shall not now spend Time to trouble thee with the Complaints we find exhibited to the former Assemblies, of the Irregularities, as well as Injustice, committed by some of the Magistrates of those Courts, but are entirely of Opinion with these Assemblies, that the Methods proposed by the Bill, will be as Rules and Directions to the Justices, and enable them to controul (instead of being imposed on by) the Bar, which otherwise, through their want of Skill in the Law, and Rules and Practice of the Courts in England, *they may be liable to.*

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1709. 6th Mo. 18. *What thou propoſes of a more general Juriſdiction for the Provincial Courts, we are of Opinion, is better provided for by the Bill we recommended, than perhaps has been well obſerved; and for the other two Particulars, we are ready to make the Reaſonableneſs and Conſiſtency of them plainly appear.*

We are willing, according to the late Example *of* New-York, *that, after the Courts are eſtabliſhed by a Law, the Fees be ſettled in a diſtinct Bill, and ſhall appoint a Committee to prepare it accordingly, but are not apprehenſive of any ſuch Conſequence as thou ſeems to fear, if the Bill be paſt together; becauſe we conceive it in general to be well warranted by the Laws and Practice of* England, *as has been evidently made appear to the late Lieutenant Governor by that Aſſembly who prepared it.*

Upon the Whole, if thou art in good Earneſt, as we really are, for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs, we deſire that the Ordinance, that Stumbling-block, may be caſt no more in our Way, the Continuance whereof is ill reſented by the Country; but that thou will pleaſe to ſend us, ſpeedily, thy Objections to the Bill, as thou gave us an Expectation at our laſt Adjournment.

Signed by Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, *N. C. D.*

Auguſt 18. 1709. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, *Thomas Pearſon*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do attend the Governor with the ſaid Anſwer; and alſo deſire to know what Anſwer the *Swedes* may expect to their Petition.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſaid Anſwer according to Order; and alſo the Requeſt of the Houſe about the *Swedes* Petition; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that the ſaid Petition did more properly concern the Commiſſioners of Property than himſelf. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Remainder of the Supply Bill be read, and debated by Paragraphs; which was done accordingly.

A Petition of *Francis Daniel Paſtorius*, and divers other *Germans*, inhabiting this Province, deſiring Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the ſaid Petitioners to purchaſe, enjoy, and alienate Lands and Hereditaments, *&c.* was brought to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again. Adjourn'd till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of *Iſrael Taylor*, and *Joſeph Taylor*, complaining, that *James Logan* refuſes to make out a Warrant to the Surveyor, to enable the Petitioners to take up ſome Land due to them in the Right of their Father's Purchaſe long ſince, and praying that the ſaid *James Logan* may be brought to Puniſhment for his ſaid Refuſal; alſo praying that an Act may be paſt, to enable the Inhabitants of this Province to obtain Juſtice againſt the Proprietary, in relation to their Lands, *&c.* as Occaſion may require; was brought to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

Edward Shippen, *Joſeph Growdon*, *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *James Logan*, in a Meſſage from the Governor aquainted the Houſe, "That the Governor is willing to concede to the Bill of Courts as the ſame was amended the Twenty-ſecond of *February*, 1706, ſaving the two Objections not then agreed on, *viz.* That of diſplacing Clerks for Miſbehaviour, and the Magiſtrates granting of Licences; on which Heads, they are willing to have a Conference, if the Houſe thinks fit." Whereupon they withdrew; and, after a ſhort Debate, the Houſe

Reſolved, That the ſaid Perſons (being Members of Council) be immediately re-admitted, and that the Conference, propoſed upon the ſaid two Objections, be forthwith proceeded on with them by a Committee of the whole Houſe; which being done accordingly, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Members of Council withdrew, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, reported to the Houſe, That the ſaid Counſellors inſiſted upon the Governor's commiſſionating the Clerks of the Supreme Courts, and the Granting of Licences, but willing the Judges ſhall nominate the ſaid Clerks; and that the Courts of Quarter-Seſſions ſhall recommend the Perſons to be licenced for keeping of Publick-houſes, but will not agree to thoſe Particulars as propoſed in the Bill. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker's Report to the Houſe, from the Conference in the Forenoon, being conſidered and debated, and the Queſtion being put, That foraſmuch as the Governor is willing that the Judges ſhall have the nominating of ſuch Prothonotaries or Clerks of the Supreme Courts in this Province as ſhall be commiſſionated for thoſe Offices, that the Houſe do agree to the ſaid Propoſal, provided the Amendments, to be made in the Bill, oblige the Governor to commiſſionate the Perſons ſo to be nominated, and no other? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Clauſe about licencing of Publick-houſes, being alſo debated, and the Queſtion being put, that a diſtinct Bill be prepared for the regulating Publick-houſes, according to the Governor's

vernor's Proposal of receiving none but such as shall be recommended by the Justices (viz.) For the City of *Philadelphia*, by the Mayor and Magistrates of the said City, in their Quarter-Sessions or Court of Record there; and for the several Counties of this Province, by their respective Justices, in their Quarter-Sessions in each County; and that no Licence shall be valid which is not grounded upon such Recommendation, but that as well the Writer of such Licence, as the Party keeping a Publick-house, by Colour thereof, shall be fined as such Act shall direct? *Passed in the Affirmative.* 6th Mo. 19.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *John Roberts*, *William Paxon*, and *Daniel Williamson*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him with the Mind of the House in the Premises. Adjourned till Eight a Clock, To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 20.

The Members appointed to attend the Governor, last Night, reported to the House, that they had delivered the Message sent by them according to Order; and that the Governor had promised them to call his Council together this Morning, and that the House shall then have an Answer.

James Logan, in a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, That the Governor cannot, readily, get the Council together, but had ordered him to assure the Assembly, that seeing they had agreed to the same Amendments to the Bill of Courts, which had been conceded to by the former Assembly, and some others, the Governor intended not farther to object against the said Bill, but desires the House to proceed upon it without farther Delay.

Ordered, That the Bill of Courts, and Regulation of Fees, be referred to be proceeded on by a Committee now appointed, who are to meet on *Monday* Morning next, being the Twenty-second Instant. Adjourned till the Twenty-third of this Instant. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 23.

Francis Cooke reported from the Committee appointed to proceed on the Consideration of the Bill of Courts, and Regulation of Fees, that the said Committee had made some Progress in the Regulation of Fees, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Mayor and Recorder, with Alderman *Shippen*, came to the House, in Behalf of the Corporation of *Philadelphia*, and signified, that the Common Council of the said City had ordered them to move the Assembly for Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm the City Charter; and to enable the said Corporation to raise Money for the repairing of Streets, and Wharffs, and doing of other necessary Things for the Service of the said Corporation. And being withdrawn,

Ordered, That the said Persons bring the said Request to the House in Writing, by Way of Petition, signed by the Mayor; and *Abraham Bickley*, and *William Lee*, are desired to give the Mayor Notice thereof.

The Speaker brought to the House a Clause to be added to the Supply Bill, for an Impost upon *Negroes*, to continue for three Years; which being read, and debated, and the Question being put, that the same be added to the Bill? *Passed in the Affirmative.*

Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Report of the Committee, about the Regulation of Fees, being again read, and debated, and the Question put, that the House do agree with the said Report? *Passed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to draw up a distinct Bill for the settling the Fees of Officers as now regulated, and bring the same to the House as soon as drawn. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 24.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, who formerly paid *Nicholas Rosogan* the Sum of *Three Pounds, Eight Shillings*, late Currency (as he saith) for his Service as Door-keeper of the Assembly, have an Order from the Speaker upon the Treasurer of this Province for the said Sum, out of the Publick Money in his Hands.

The Clause in the Bill of Courts, relating to Publick-houses, being read, and a Debate arising thereupon,

Resolved, That the said Clause be wholly omitted in the said Bill, and that a distinct Bill be prepared for the regulating and licencing such Houses. Adjourned till Two a Clock, *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Supply Bill be read the second Time, which was done accordingly.

The Committee appointed to draw the Bill for the Regulation of Fees, brought the said Bill to the House, where the same was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

A Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining that several Landlords of whom the Petitioners are Renters, do exact the said Rents in the new Currency, tho' the Contracts made for such Rents were before the first of *May* last, contrary (as the

1709. said Petitioners conceive) to violate Act of Assembly of this Province, and praying Relief therein; was read, and ordered to be read again. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 24. Adjournment.

6th Mo. 25. The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of *Philadelphia*, desiring Leave to bring in a Bill for Confirmation of their Charter, *&c.* was brought to the House, and read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That the Bill for Regulation of Fees be examined, and read the second Time, which was done accordingly, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The said Bill being ingrossed,

Ordered, That *Samuel Dark*, *Henry Lewis*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do carry the same forthwith to the Governor for his Concurrence. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Persons appointed to deliver the Bill for Regulation of Fees to the Governor, reported, that they had been at his Lodgings, and understanding he was not in Town, had left the said Bill with the Secretary.

Whereupon one of the Members coming into the House, gave Information that the Governor is just now come to Town.

Ordered, That *Joshua Hoopes*, *John Hood*, *William Lee*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Bills for establishing Courts, and Regulation of Fees, having been, in his Absence, left with the Secretary, the House desire he will send for the said Bills, in order to consider them, and let the Assembly know his Result upon them with all possible Speed.

They returned, and reported, that they met with the Governor in Council, and that the Bills were then lying before them.

Ordered, That the Bill for impowering religious Societies, *&c.* to buy and sell Lands, and the Bill for regulating Publick-houses, be read the second Time, which was done accordingly, and ordered to be ingrossed. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 26. The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Edward Shippen, and *Caleb Pusey*, in a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, 'That the Governor conceived that the Bill of Courts was not altered according to the Agreement of the House, and desired it might be done accordingly.'

Whereupon the Speaker acquainted them, that, to the best of his Memory, it was done according to Agreement, save in two Particulars, *viz.* That of removing Judges, and that about Bankrupts, which was formerly agreed to be brought in distinct Bills; which Bills, the House not having Time now to prepare, had left those Particulars in this Bill, with some Amendments, being of Opinion, that the Bill will not be the more unfit to pass on that Account; but that, if the Governor be otherwise minded, the House will yet bring them in distinct Bills; and therefore desire them to acquaint the Governor therewith.

The two Bills *(viz.)* One for impowering religious Societies, *&c.* to buy and sell Lands; and the other for regulating Publick-houses, and that no such shall be kept without Licence, being ingrossed, were brought to the House, and read, and the Question being put, that the House do agree to the said Bills? *Passed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke*, *Ezra Croasdale*, *William Bartram*, and *William Lee*, do wait upon the Governor, and present the said Bills. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to deliver the two Bills to the Governor, reported, that they had delivered them according to Order.

Ordered, That the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act for the more effectual raising of Levies in the several Counties of this Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and appropriating the same*, be read the second Time, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

The Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* being again read, and debated;

Ordered, That Leave be given them to bring in a Bill, as requested in their said Petition; and *Griffith Jones* is desired to acquaint the Mayor therewith.

A Motion being made, that the Grievances complained of to this Assembly, by several Petitions, may be taken into Consideration;

Resolved, That the House will, forthwith, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the said Grievances:

And accordingly the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider the same; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and *William Biles* reported from the said Committee, that they had made some Progress in the Matters referred to them, but had not Time to finish it; therefore the Committee had ordered him to move the House for Leave to sit again.

Resolved,

Resolved, That this House will, on *Tuesday* next, being the Thirtieth of this Instant, at Nine a Clock, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to consider farther of the said Grievances. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1709. 6th Mo. 26. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 27.

James Logan, and *Caleb Pusey*, came to the House, and declared, that the Governor sent them to shew what Parts of the Bill of Courts were not modelled according to the Governor's Expectation; whereupon they had Leave from the Speaker to proceed; and, after a considerable Time spent in hearing them, and the Speaker, and others, endeavouring to make the Reasonableness of the Bill, as now amended, appear; and withal declaring, that if the same was not in every Particular amended according to the Assembly's Proposal to the Governor, the House is ready to do it; the said Persons withdrew, and the House adjourned till the Day called *Monday* next, at Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Speaker assuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 29.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamson*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do wait upon the Governor, and desire to know his Result upon the Conference the House had with the two Members of Council on *Seventh Day* last.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message; and that the Governor had done nothing in it, but would call his Council To-night, and the House might expect to hear from him To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 30.

Daniel Williamson acquainted the House, that since the Adjournment last Night he met with the Secretary, who told him, that the Governor cannot yet get the Council together; but purposed to get them together this Morning, and that the House might expect to hear from him before Noon.

The Bill to enable the *Germans* to purchase and hold Lands, *&c.* was read the second Time, and ordered to be ingrossed.

The House then, according to the Order of the Twenty-sixth Instant, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider farther of the Grievances to them referred; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported, That the Committee had come to certain Resolutions concerning the Matters referred to them, which being reported, were agreed to by the House.

James Logan brought from the Governor the Objections he still insisted on against the Bill of Courts; which being read, the House conceded to several of them; but resolved still to insist that Costs be allowed upon arresting a Freeholder, as proposed in the Bill; and that all such Writs as the former Law made grantable by the Justices, be still grantable by them, and not from the Clerks Offices, but as the Bill proposes: That the House cannot agree to the Exception [*whereby a Freeholder is liable to be arrested*] in any other Case but that of the Queen. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Francis Daniel Pastorius, and several other *Germans*, being, upon their Request, admitted into the House, did, in the Behalf of themselves, and of all the *Germans* named in the Bill, for enabling them to purchase and hold Lands, *&c.* return thankful Acknowledgments to the House, for their Care in making so good a Progress as they understood was done about the said Bill, and desired the Continuance of the Assembly's Care therein.

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *Thomas Pearson*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Assembly have conceded to most of the Amendments he proposed this Morning, which they have done more out of an earnest Desire to have the Courts established by a Law, than from an Opinion that the Bill is better without them; therefore desire that the Governor will now be pleased to pass it without any farther Objections, for that the House is weary of these Delays, and long Attendance thereon, and are very desirous to be about their own private Occasions. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 31.

The Members appointed to attend the Governor last Night, reported, that they had delivered their Message, according to Order.

Ordered, That the *German* Bill, and Supplementary Act for County Levies (now ingrossed) be read the third Time, which was done accordingly; and the Question being put, that the said Bills do pass? *Passed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, *William Lee*, and *Joshua Hoopes*, do attend the Governor with the said Bills.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered them to the Governor, according to Order. Adjourned till Two a Clock, P. M. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to revile the Supply Bill, and to add ſome Clauſes thereunto, reported, that the ſame was finiſhed, according to Order; which being read, was approved by the Houſe. Adjourn'd till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 31. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Hood*, and *Thomas Hilborn*, do go to the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is waiting for his Anſwer upon the Bill of Courts, and the Bill of Fees, lying before him, being willing to adjourn.

7th Mo. 1. They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that the Bill of Courts will paſs, and that he had ordered two Members of Council to attend the Houſe this Morning with the ſaid Bill, in order fully to ſettle it; he alſo deſired that the Houſe would appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council upon the Bill of Fees; that he is willing the Houſe ſhall adjourn as they propoſe, and that the Fees may be ſettled in the Interval.

Caleb Puſey, and *Samuel Preſton*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, That the Governor is willing to concede to all the Amendments laſt propoſed by the Houſe to the Bill of Courts, ſave only that of making the Writs and Proceſs grantable by the Juſtices; that the Governor agrees to the Propoſal of Adjournment; and that, in the Interval, the ſaid Bill may be ingroſſed, and a Committee of the Houſe, with a Committee of the Council, may inſpect and ſettle the Bill of Fees.

Whereupon the Speaker, with ſome other Members, endeavoured to convince the ſaid two Members of Council of the Reaſonableneſs of the Aſſembly's Propoſal, about the Juſtices granting the Writs and Proceſs, to their Satisfaction; who declared, the Reaſons given were of ſuch Weight, that they believed the inſiſting thereon would be no Obſtruction to the Paſſing of the Bill; for the effecting whereof, they would uſe their Endeavours with the Governor.

Ordered, That *Henry Lewis*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly have condeſcended to accommodate the Bill of Courts to the Governor's Mind ſo far as they poſſibly can, having agreed that the Clauſe about Attornies ſhall be wholly omitted, and inſtead thereof, that the Law about Court Proceedings and Summons, made in the Year 1700, and not rejected by the Queen, may be enforced, as that which will beſt ſuit the Minds of the People; that the Clauſe formerly razed in the Proviſion made, for arreſting a Freeholder, not worth *One Hundred Pounds*, be kept in the Bill, as deſired by the Governor; that Judgment in the Six Weeks Courts be as propoſed in the Bill; but that two Juſtices at the leaſt be made neceſſary to ſit in thoſe Courts; that the iſſuing of Proceſs, as formerly, is more agreeable to the Bill, as well as to the Law of this Province, paſſed in the Year 1700, directing the Forms of Writs (not rejected by the Queen) whereof the two Members of Council, ſent to the Houſe this Morning, were fully ſatisfied; and that the Clauſe about Orphans Courts is already amended as the Governor propoſed, and according to the Anſwer of the Aſſembly the 22d Day of *February*, 1706; that the Houſe have appointed a Committee, according to the Governor's Propoſal, who are ordered to attend him, or ſuch as he ſhall appoint, to confer upon the Bill of Fees; which Conference the Houſe earneſtly deſire may be this Afternoon.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, he cannot appoint a Meeting with the Committee upon the Conference this Afternoon, but will call his Council to conſult upon the Meſſage they now brought from the Houſe. Adjourned till the Twenty-firſt Inſtant at Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 21. THE Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Paxon*, and *Richard Hayes*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is met, and ready to proceed upon Buſineſs.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 22. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Abraham Bickley*, *John Hood*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Aſſembly have conceded to divers Alterations in the Bill of Courts to accommodate it to the Governor's Mind, and that the Courts of Judicature may be ſettled and held by a Law; that many of thoſe Things, which were left out of the Bill, was not becauſe the Aſſembly were of Opinion the Bill was better without them, but, on the contrary, it was their Judgment they ought ſtill to have been in the Bill; that the Alteration of the Proprietary's Circumſtances from what they appeared to be when the Bill was firſt drawn, ſeemed to favour ſome other Alterations, now agreed to by the Houſe, particularly about the Fines; for that 'twas then ſuppoſed he was about to

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surrender the Government, and in that Case it was necessary the Fines should have been appropriated as they were proposed by the Bill; but that since the House conceived that Intention, and the Business then in Chancery, between him and *Ford*, to be over, they had now consented those Things should be altered, and this they desired the Governor to take Notice of as an Apology and Vindication of this Assembly, on account of the Alterations they had now agreed to: And they are farther to acquaint him, that the Governor, in answer to a Message from this House of the first of this Instant, to know his Pleasure on the Bill of Courts and Fees lying before him, was pleased to assure the Messengers, then sent, that the Bill of Courts should pass; and that the two Members of Council, *viz. Caleb Pusey*, and *Samuel Preston*, whom the Governor ordered thereupon to attend the Assembly with the said Bill, did signify to the House that all was consented to, save that the Governor still inclined that the Writs and Process should issue out of the Clerk's or Prothonotary's Office; but that upon some Debate the House then had with the said Members, they seemed to be convinced of the Reasonableness of the Method proposed in the Bill, seeming to be satisfied, that if the Assembly insisted on that Method, it would not obstruct the Passing of it, and that they would use their Endeavours to satisfy the Governor of the Reasonableness thereof; that the Governor was pleased to order, that during the Assembly's Adjournment, the Bill might be ingrossed, which had been near done by this Time; but that to the great Surprise of the House, and in a Matter they highly resented, being contrary to the Assurances then given them by the Governor, the Speaker had acquainted the House, that on the Fifteenth Day of this Instant, and not before, the Secretary had brought him the said Bill of Courts defaced and interlined in many Places by *Robert Ashton* (as was supposed by the Hand) and that, together with the Bill, the Secretary had delivered the Speaker a large List of new Objections to the said Bill (which the said Members were ordered to shew the Governor) and which, the House hoped was not done by his Order; that the Assembly understood that the Governor had sent the said Bill to the Attorney General and *Robert Ashton* only to get the Blanks filled, which had been left for the Times of the Sitting of the Courts in each County, which was not done, but instead thereof the said Objections, Defacings, and Interlineations; that the Governor's Mind is now desired upon the said Bill, and that a Conference may be also had upon the settling the Fees, by the exacting whereof, as now practised, the Country is greatly oppressed; therefore that those Bills, with the other Bills now before the Governor, and also the Supply Bill, may be passed, and that the House may not spend so much Time as they have done without any other Effect than the having one single Act passed, the Governor is earnestly requested to signify his Result in the Premises with all possible Expedition, that more Time may not be lost. 1709. 7th Mo. 21.

The said Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to acquaint them, that as to the Alterations, Defacings, or new Objections to the Bill of Courts, he knew nothing of it, nor had given any Orders to the Attorney General or Prothonotary to make any Manner of Alteration in the Sense or Substance of the said Bill, but only to mend any particular Word or Words, if, upon scanning the Bill, he find any just Occasion, whereby the Scope of the Passage or Matter intended might be more aptly expressed; and that therefore the Prothonotary himself must answer for his so doing; that he will speedily call his Council, and come to a Result upon the Bill of Courts, which he will communicate to the House; and also appoint a Conference about settling the Fees, which, he is of Opinion, will be a better and more expeditious Way than to debate it in Writing. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Post Meridiem.

The House (after having waited to hear from the Governor a considerable Time) being informed that the Council were not got together, nor like to meet this Afternoon, adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

7th Mo. 23.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *Henry Lewis*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House has waited Yesterday in the Afternoon and this Morning for his Answer to the Message sent him Yesterday Morning; therefore do desire to know when they may expect it.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Message, according to Order; and that the Governor, acquainted them, that he cannot yet get his Council together, but expects them suddenly, and that the House shall hear from him with all possible Speed.

A Bill for establishing a Ferry, over the River *Delaware*, between *New-Bristol* and *Burlington*, was brought to the House by *John Sotcher*, and read the first Time, and ordered to be read again. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Post Meridiem.

The House being informed that *Samuel Preston*, and *James Logan* (two Members of Council) were coming with a Message from the Governor to the Assembly after the Adjournment in the Morning;

1709. *7th Mo.* 23. *Ordered*, That *Daniel Williamſon* do go to the ſaid Perſons, and acquaint them, that the Houſe is met, and ready to receive their Meſſage:

Who returned, and reported, that they will come to the Houſe in a ſhort Time.

Ordered, That the Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River *Delaware*, between *New-Briſtol* and *Burlington*, be read the ſecond Time, which was done accordingly.

Samuel Preſton, and *James Logan*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, 'That the Governor having received a Meſſage from the Aſſembly, conſiſting of two Branches; the one, that the Writs, Summons, *&c.* may be grantable by the Juſtices; and the other, that a Committee of the Council be appointed to confer with a Committee of the Aſſembly about the Fees; is deſirous that the Houſe will not inſiſt too much upon the firſt Branch; but as to the ſecond, is willing that a Conference be appointed as has been formerly agreed.'

Whereupon the Speaker propoſed that it might be this Evening; and the ſaid Members (after having promiſed to acquaint the Governor therewith) withdrew.

Ordered, That *John Cooke* go to the Secretary, and enquire if the Council be ready to proceed to the ſaid Conference, and at what Place a Committee of this Houſe ſhall meet them.

Who returned, and reported, that the Secretary told him, he cannot get the Council to attend this Afternoon, but will uſe his Endeavours to get them together by Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 24. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Ezra Croaſdale*, and *Samuel Levis*, do go to the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe appointed a Committee to join with ſuch as he has appointed to confer upon the Bill of Fees; and deſired to know where and when the Commitee appointed by the Aſſembly ſhall meet them, which the Houſe ſubmits to the Governor's Direction, ſo as it be not in the Secretary's Chamber, becauſe of the Straitneſs of the Room, and his being an Officer concerned.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to appoint the Conference to be at Three a Clock in the Afternoon at his own Lodgings. The ſaid Members farther acquainted the Houſe, that the Secretary, being preſent when they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, made Complaint, that he lay under an Impeachment of a former Aſſembly, and had endeavoured to provoke this Houſe to bring him to Trial; therefore deſired that the Governor would move the Houſe accordingly; whereupon the Governor deſired them to acquaint the Aſſembly therewith; that they anſwered the Governor, they would acquaint the Houſe with his Propoſal, and doubted not their Readineſs to proſecute the Complaints contained in the Impeachment againſt him as ſoon as the publick Buſineſs is over, if there be Time for it before the new Election, which will be in leſs than a Week.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to confer with ſuch Perſons as the Governor ſhall order upon the Bill for Regulation of Fees, *viz. Griffith Jones*, *William Biles*, *William Paxon*, *John Hood*, *Francis Cooke*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, *Henry Lewis*, *Samuel Beaks*, *John Cooke*, *Richard Hayes*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, do attend the ſaid Conference, at the Time and Place appointed by the Governor. Adjourned till *Monday*, being the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, at Nine a Clock in the Morning.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 26. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Perſons appointed to be a Committee to confer with ſuch as the Governor had ordered to meet them upon the Bill of Fees, reported, that they had attended at the Time and Place appointed, but that the Perſons whom the Governor had ordered to meet them neglected to appear; that they had acquainted the Governor of their ſaid Neglect, who ſeemed to be ſorry, and promiſed to endeavour to get them together by Eight a Clock this Morning.

Ordered, That ſuch of the ſaid Committee as are preſent attend that Service this Morning; who accordingly went, and being returned, reported, that they had made but very ſmall Progreſs in the Buſineſs referred to them; but that the Council had promiſed to draw up their Objections in Writing, and deliver them to the Aſſembly this Evening.

The Bill for Regulation of Courts, and the Bill to enable the *Germans* to hold and diſpoſe of Lands, *&c.* being ingroſſed and compared;

Ordered, That *Joſhua Carpenter*, *William Paxon*, *John Roberts*, and *Richard Hayes*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence to them and the other Bills now lying before him; and acquaint him, that the Supply Bill is alſo ready; and requeſt that he will ſignify his Pleaſure to the Aſſembly without Delay, for that the Houſe cannot conveniently continue longer than until To-morrow in the Evening.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to draw up a Remonſtrance to the Governor, ſetting forth the Neglects, Affronts, and Indignities offered to this Aſſembly, with the Abuſes of the Secretary and *Robert Aſhton*, and how the Governor is prevailed on, by evil Counſel, to leave the Province to languiſh under the Oppreſſion of Officers; alſo to take Notice how he is reſtricted, by Inſtructions, from proſecuting the Powers of his Commiſſion, with what elſe may be neceſſary; and *Joſeph Wilcox* is deſired to aſſiſt him therein, and bring it to the Houſe when drawn. *7th Mo.* 27.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, forthwith, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to receive the Council's Objections againſt the Bill of Fees, and to confer with them thereupon, if it be deſired in Time: And accordingly the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe to receive the ſaid Objections, and confer, *&c.* and, after ſome Time ſpent in the ſaid Committee, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Francis Cooke* reported from the ſaid Committee, that the Council had not ſent their Objections in Writing, tho' the Committee had ſent two Members, *viz. Griffith Jones*, and *William Paxon*, to requeſt it of them; who had reported to the Committee, that they had been with the Council, the Governor being preſent, and preſs'd them for their Objections in Writing; who, inſtead of that, propoſed a farther Conference with a Committee of the Aſſembly; but the ſaid Members inſiſting to have their Objections in Writing firſt, according to their former Propoſals, and not obtaining it, no Procedure was farther made therein at that Time; that in the Evening of that Day, *Samuel Preſton*, and *James Logan*, came to the Committee, and acquainted them, that the Council had made but ſmall Progreſs about the Fees, but were willing to confer with ſome of the Houſe about it this Evening.

Reſolved, That foraſmuch as the Council have neglected to proceed, according to the Expectation they gave the Aſſembly, about the Bill of Fees, 'till it is now ſo near the Time for a new Election, that the Houſe cannot have Time to proceed with them; that therefore no further Conference be had with them thereupon at this Time.

Ordered, That *Samuel Beaks*, and *Thomas Pearſon*, do go to the Secretary's Office, and acquaint the Council, that their Neglects and Diſappointments have been ſuch, that the Houſe cannot now attend to confer with them further about the Bill of Fees.

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke*, *Daniel Williamſon*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that foraſmuch as he has made no Objections to the many Bills ſo long lying before him, except the Bill of Courts, tho' the Aſſembly had often deſired to know if he had any thing to object againſt any of them, and ſeeing the Houſe had endeavoured, with their utmoſt Candour and Diligence, to accommodate the ſaid Bill of Courts to the Governor's Mind; that they therefore hope the Governor will be pleaſed to paſs the ſaid Bills as they are, together with the Supply Bill; that the Houſe is ready to attend him this Evening for his Aſſent to the ſaid Bills; that the approaching Election is now ſo near, that they will not have Time longer, with Conveniency, to attend, but rather than fail, will wait on him for his Concurrence till To-morrow Morning, if he will then be pleaſed to paſs them.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor told them, he will not paſs the Bills till they have been again read in Council; that he had ſome Objections to the Bill about religious Societies, having been adviſed by the Church People not to aſſent to it; and therefore, tho' he was willing of himſelf to paſs it, yet he did not think it fit ſo to do, unleſs upon Condition that the Queen and Proprietary's Pleaſure ſhould be known therein before the ſame ſhall be in Force as a Law. Adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *7th Mo.* 28.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Perſons appointed to draw the Remonſtrance, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and brought ſo much as was drawn to the Houſe, where the ſame was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Notes to the reſpective Members of Aſſembly (before the Houſe break up this Seſſion) for the Time they have ſerved, and the Amount thereof; as alſo, that he draw Orders on the Treaſurer for Payment of the Money due to *Joſeph Wilcox*, who officiated as Clerk in taking the Minutes, and made up the Journal of the Houſe (and for the Door-keeper's Wages) according to the Agreement of the Houſe with the ſaid *Joſeph*, when, at their earneſt Requeſt, he was prevailed with to undertake that Trouble; and it is farther ordered, that the ſaid *Joſeph Wilcox* do ſign a Note of the Time of the Speaker's Service, with the Amount thereof. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem*,

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Iſaac Norris, and *James Logan*, brought a written Meſſage from the Governor, and the Bill relating to the *Germans*, to be ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be paſt into a Law; whereupon the Speaker ſigned the ſaid Bill, and, together with ſome other Members, attended the Governor therewith for his Concurrence, who was pleaſed to paſs it into a Law. The Speaker then immediately returned to the Houſe, and aſſumed the Chair.

Ordered,

1709. 7th Mo. 28. *Ordered*, That the Governor's Meſſage be forthwith read; which was done accordingly, and is as followeth.

A MESSAGE from the GOVERNOR *to the* ASSEMBLY, September 28. 1709.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Meſſage. 'I COULD have wiſhed that ſuch Diſpatch had been made in the Bills under Conſideration, that they might all have been paſs'd before the riſing of this preſent Aſſembly; but I perceive there are none, as yet, in a ſufficient Readineſs beſides the Bill for naturalizing the *Germans*, the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts being, contrary to Directions, filled up in that Part which directs the iſſuing of Proceſs otherwiſe than has been agreed to, ſo that it muſt be altered there before I paſs it. The Bill of Fees, which I think ought to accompany the other, has been under a ſerious Examination, and it appears that many of them are propoſed by the Bill lower, beſides the Allowance for the Difference of Money, than thoſe ſettled many Years ago by a Law, regulating all the Fees belonging to the Officers of the Courts, which Law I find is full in Force, and has been approved, as I am told, by the Queen: Beſides, that by this Bill alſo ſome of the Fees, as the Sheriffs, in all Criminal Caſes, ſeem to be entirely omitted; but as the Fees of other Officers ought alſo to be eſtabliſhed by Law, I am very deſirous a Bill ſhould paſs for them all, which, ſince the Narrowneſs of Time will not allow to be now done, I hope it will notwithſtanding at the firſt Meeting of the next Aſſembly, which now draws very nigh; and to that Time I ſhall alſo refer the other Bills before me.

'But now, Gentlemen, I muſt be ſo plain as to tell you, that tho' I have been very deſirous to ſee all theſe Matters brought to a Ripeneſs, that they might actually be paſt into Laws, yet, until I ſee the Country as ready to diſcharge their Duty, in providing for my Support in the Adminiſtration, independent of any Supply from the Proprietary, who, as I told you before, cannot now (were it even reaſonable) ſpare any Part of his Eſtate here to that Purpoſe, I ſhall account myſelf very unjuſt to the Duty I owe myſelf, if I concur in any other publick Act in Legiſlation (tho' truly inclinable to do all for the Advantage of the Publick that can reaſonably be expected from me:) But a Governor cannot lie under a greater Obligation to the People than they do to him; nor can that be accounted a free Gift from them, which is but their indiſpenſible Duty; for, at this Time, there is no Support for a Governor in this Government, but what muſt be granted by an Act of Aſſembly. You have told me that you had voted *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Queen, *Three Hundred Pounds* for the Service of the Publick, and *Two Hundred Pounds* to me; and you have lately further informed me, that when I had paſſed the other Acts, the Speaker would preſent a Bill to me for raiſing that Money. 'Tis poſſible, when the others were paſſed, the Speaker might do ſo; but can it, in Reaſon, be expected, that while you ſhew ſo unprecedented and unuſual Diffidence on your Side, that you would not ſo much as let me ſee the Bill but in Private, nor allow that it ſhould, upon any Terms, be communicated to the Council, with whom I am to adviſe (tho' you cannot but be ſenſible, that ſhould I deſign it, yet it is not in my Power to paſs a Bill into a Law until the Speaker has ſigned it) which is uſually done at the Time of paſſing it. Could it be expected, I ſay, that I ſhould firſt paſs all that you deſired of me, and then depend upon your peſenting that Bill? Or can it be thought reaſonable, or for the Security of the Publick, that I ſhould paſs an Act for raiſing and applying *Eight Hundred Pounds* to ſeveral Uſes, beſides thoſe *Two Hundred Pounds* ſaid to be granted to me, without taking proper Advice upon it of thoſe whom the Diſcharge of my Duty, as well as my Inclinations, obliges me to conſult in all publick Matters; nor that I ſhould have it in my Power to object to, or alter, any Part of the whole Bill, after it is preſented? No, Gentlemen, as I have no Deſigns but what are plain and honeſt, ſo I muſt expect a ſuitable Treatment; and therefore I now deſire you, faithfully, to lay before the People whom you repreſent, and to whom you are returning, what I have here ſaid to you; and, upon this Occaſion, aſſure them from me, that unleſs they take Care to grant a requiſite Support, and in ſuch a Manner as is fit to be accepted, I ſhall not at all think myſelf concerned to attend the Affairs of the Publick in Legiſlation; and what Meaſures the Proprietary will find himſelf obliged to take at Home, I have formerly ſufficiently hinted to you; but as I ſhall not be wanting on my Side to concur in any Thing that is reaſonable, ſo I hope, the next Time I meet the Repreſentatives of the People, we ſhall have ſuch Confidence in each other, and they will ſo far conſider their Duty, and take ſuch Methods for effecting Buſineſs, that all Things neceſſary may be concluded to our mutual Satisfaction, for the true Advantage and Benefit of this Province.'

CHARLES GOOKIN.

Ordered,

1709.

Ordered, That an Answer to the said Message be added to the said Remonstrance, and contained therein, and that the same be brought to the House when finished. Adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. *7th Mo.* 28. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *7th Mo.* 29.

The Remonstrance ordered to be drawn, being prepared, was brought to the House, and read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

To CHARLES GOOKIN, *Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *&c.*

The REMONSTRANCE *of the House of Representatives, in* ASSEMBLY *met, the* 28*th Day of* September, 1709.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Remonstrance to the Governor.

THE extensive Powers of thy Commission, and the good Thoughts we conceived of thy Character, gave us Encouragement to propose such Bills for thy Concurrence as might, in some Measure, remove the Oppressions and Abuses introduced by the Irregularities of the late Administration; and altho' we find thou expressest thyself willing to do all that is proper on thy Part, in order to make the People easy, yet, to our great Dissatisfaction, we understand, that by certain Instructions from the Proprietary, those Powers of thy Commission are so restricted, that thou cannot pass any Bill into a Law without the Approbation or Advice of thy Council, who being under no Obligation to attend, we need not tell the Governor how the Business of the Country is by that Means retarded, and all our Pains and Endeavours for the Publick Good rendered ineffectual, which, we hope, will incline the Governor, for the future, to adhere to the Powers and Directions of the royal Charter, which gives him and the Representatives of the People the whole Power of Legislation in this Province, and admits of no such Absurdity as to set up a Council of State to act in Opposition to those that represent them.

We can, with great Sincerity and Satisfaction, say, that we have used the utmost of our Endeavours to provide for the Support of Government, as well as to settle the People in their just Rights, regulate the Courts, and ascertain the Officers Fees, as appears by the several Bills lying before the Governor, *viz.* The Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province*; *an Act for regulating and establishing Fees*; *an Act for confirming Patents and Grants, and to prevent Law-suits*; *an Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns,* &c. *to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands,* &c. *an Act of Privilege to a Freeman*; *an Act to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing*; *an Act to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather*; *an Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*; *an Act against Menacing, and Assault, and Battery*; *an Act to prevent Disputes which may hereafter arise about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Instruments and Writings*; *a supplementary Act for the more effectual raising Levies in the several Counties of the Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and appropriating the same*; *an Act for the Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province:* And tho' the said Bills are, for the most Part, adapted to the Governor's Mind, and cleared of what was most materially objected, and the Supply Bill ready to be presented, yet none of them like to pass without the Concurrence of the Council, as we are now given to understand. Had we known before, that the Governor was so restricted as we find he is, we would not have given him and ourselves the Trouble we have done; for so long as the Secretary has so great an Ascendant in the Council, and a rooted Aversion to some of us, we can expect nothing but Obstruction at the Board, unless he is assured of an Equivalent (as some call it) or that the Application be first made to him; for it is too notorious, that what has not Inception or Allowance from him, does not succeed there.

We have just Ground to conclude, that the Influence which that Evil Minister (the Secretary) has had upon the present and late Governor, is the great Cause of the Obstructions that this and the late Assemblies met with; and the End and Design thereof can be no other than to weary the Representatives, and bring the People into a Dislike of the Constitution, or lay them under a Necessity to elect none but such as shall be according to the Secretary's own Heart, to comply with his Dictates, and connive at his Irregularities in Government, and Oppressions of the People; for, if any presume the contrary, and stand for the just Rights of the People, and claim the Performance of the Proprietary's Promises, or offer to put a Construction upon his Charters and Grants, farther or otherwise than the Secretary thinks fit to allow, he takes effectual Care to stage them, as Enemies to the Proprietary; who, it seems, is so weak as to give too much Credit thereunto, and not regard the repeated Cries of the Country against his Secretary, signified by the Assembly's Representations and Addresses, both to the Proprietary and his Lieutenant from time to time; but believes the contrary Relation of the Secretary, with some others drawn in by him, to confront the Assembly's

1709. 7th Mo. 29. Opinion, and moſt candid Advice to reduce that evil Miniſter to a Station where he might be ſerviceable to his Maſter; ſo that he is now advanced above the Reach of our Complaints, to the manifeſt Prejudice of the publick Weal of this Province, and of the Proprietary's true Honour and Intereſt; and being thus elevated, he ſeems to forget (if ever he knew) how to behave himſelf towards the Repreſentative Body of the People, conſtituted by the royal Charter, and duly elected by the Freemen of this Province, whom he has treated with very opprobrious Language, rendering them made up of Knaves and Fools, and their Proceedings villainous.

But to ſhew that his Inſolence and Scurrility were yet more boundleſs, and that his Endeavours ſhould not be wanting (according to his wonted Practice) to divert and obſtruct the Aſſembly in Matters of Legiſlation, whereby to render them odious to thoſe that ſent them, and leave the Country to languiſh under Oppreſſion, he exhibited a Paper to the Governor on the Seventh of *May* laſt, which being communicated to ſome of the Aſſembly, they brought it to the Houſe the ſame Day, and it being then read, was ordered to be read again when the Bills before us were made ready for the Governor's Concurrence; which being now accompliſhed on our Parts, we proceed to the Conſideration of the ſaid Paper, where the Secretary takes Notice of our firſt Addreſs to the preſent Governor, and of the Articles of Impeachment formerly exhibited againſt him by the then Aſſembly; and, after he ſpends ſome of his Animadverſions on that Procedure, he would not have himſelf, or others, believe, that the ſaid Impeachment was the true Senſe or Act of the Country where he lived, and which he ſerved. If he means this Country, where the ſaid Impeachment has been proved, and made publick, the People, by their Choice of the ſame Repreſentatives again (had it wanted ſuch Confirmation) have ſufficiently owned it to be their Act and true Senſe, and an Indication how he ſerved them.

In the next Place, we obſerve, that, after he has caſt his vile and wicked Aſperſions upon that Aſſembly, moſt falſly inſinuating, how ſome of them were led to believe themſelves to be really in the Diſcharge of their Duty, when at the ſame time they were but paying Incenſe to the Malice of their Managers, he proceeds to ſay, That he having juſt Ground to hope, that tho' the Proprietary's Misfortunes, at that Time, rendered him in the Judgment of ſuch Men (meaning the Men of that Aſſembly) more fit to be attacked and run down in the common Hunt (yet a kinder Providence would diſplay in his Favour) he was unwilling to give himſelf the Trouble of an Anſwer or Defence. Now, may it pleaſe the Governor, what can be inferred from this Paſſage, abſtracted from the Baſeneſs and Indecency of the Language, but that this evil Miniſter would involve his Maſter in the Guilt of the Miſcarriages wherewith himſelf is charged? Or, that if his Maſter ſurmounted thoſe Misfortunes, he was ſure to be protected, and not brought to anſwer? Nay, he brings it to his own Diſcretion whether to anſwer or no. However, we find that he refuſed to give in his Anſwer; and the then Lieutenant Governor declared, that he had no Power to try him upon the ſaid Impeachment, notwithſtanding he had appointed the Time and Place of Trial, where the Aſſembly attended, and brought their Proofs againſt him. It is true, we have uſed Endeavours to ſet the Proſecution on Foot againſt the Secretary, and were ready to prove the ſaid Impeachment, as well as ſome other Things which we have to lay to his Charge; but finding the Governor of the ſame Opinion as was formerly advanced againſt ſuch Trials, we waved any farther Debate on that Head, being willing to give all the Diſpatch we could to the ſaid Bills. However, we could do no leſs than deſire the Governor to remove him from his Council; but, to our great Diſſatisfaction, he is ſtill continued, and has been employed upon Conferences and Meſſages to this Houſe, which we take to be the more affrontive, ſince he had the Impudence to write that moſt ſcandalous and malicious Paper againſt the Repreſentatives of the People.

We exhibited Complaints againſt ſome of the Juſtices of *Bucks* County, who have been diſcharged by the Governor and Council, without giving us any Notice to proſecute or make good our Charges againſt them; and thus is that Part of the legiſlative Authority, concerning the Impeachments of Criminals, defeated, and the Extortions, Oppreſſions, and irregular Proceedings of ſuch Magiſtrates and Officers as are in Favour with the Secretary, eſcape without Puniſhment. Nevertheleſs, we have yet ſo much Dependance upon the Governor's Juſtice, that he will not leave the Country thus to languiſh under thoſe Abuſes and Oppreſſions; and we expect that he will, for the Good of himſelf and the Country, ſpeedily ſhake off thoſe evil Inſtruments that prevail upon him to take no due Notice either of the Complaints or Advice of the Aſſembly; and ſince our moſt earneſt and frequent Applications and Endeavours for Redreſs of publick Aggrievances are become of no Effect at preſent, we can do no leſs than lay open the Miſeries and Confuſions the Country is fallen into, as well as the many Reflections caſt upon this and the late Aſſembly, patiently waiting for Relief, hoping that the Governor will duly conſider, that the Conſtitution of this Government has ſo united the two Branches of the legiſlative Authority, that ſuch as would defeat that Part wherewith we are intruſted, muſt thereby bring the other to Ruin.

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May it pleaſe the Governor, before this Remonſtrance was finiſhed we received thy written Meſſage, dated this Day, which clearly demonſtrates how we have been trifled with this Seſſion, and what Prevalence the pernicious Counſel of the Secretary and *Robert Aſhton* has had upon thee; we have already ſhewed the Malevolence of the one, and there needs no more Proof of it than his own Paper; but as for the other, he has given us juſt Occaſion of Reſentment by preſuming, without any Order or Direction from the Governor or Aſſembly, to foiſt in, and put out of the Bill of Courts, ſeveral Matters never propoſed before, which ſerved to no other Purpoſe than to make it ſubſervient to his own particular Intereſt, whereof we ſhould have taken further Notice, had there been Time for it. It is true, the Governor, as we believe, by the Influence of the ſaid *Aſhton*, ſignified that he would have the Proceſs iſſue out of the Clerk's Office, and not from the Juſtices; but when the two Members of Council, whom he ſent to confer with us upon that Head, underſtood our Reaſons, and conſidered the Law now in Force, which directs the iſſuing of Proceſs as we direct by the Bill, they promiſed to uſe their Endeavours to ſatisfy the Governor, and thought it would be no farther objected. 1709. 7th Mo. 29.

As for the Bill of Fees, we could never get the Officers to give us Account of the Fees they now take; nor had we the Governor's Objections to that Bill, notwithſtanding it was preſented for his Concurrence the Twenty-fifth Day of *Auguſt* laſt.

As for the Supply Bill, the Governor has miſtaken our Meſſage; for he was acquainted that he might not only ſee the Bill himſelf, but ſhew it to any two or three of his Council, or ſuch others as he thought fit to adviſe with, excepting none but the Secretary.

And as for the other Bills referred to the next Aſſembly, but not to paſs without a Sum of Money, tho' they have lain long before the Governor, yet we received no Objection to any of them; but the Governor was pleaſed to tell us, that ſome of the Church of *England* had ſhewed their Diſlike to the Paſſing of that Bill about religious Societies, and therefore he muſt be cautious.

It is a moſt lamentable Account we have to give the People of the publick Affairs of this Province; for here are preſſing Applications for Supplies to ſupport the Governor and Government, and for laying Loads upon the People; but the late Lieutenant Governor, and Secretary, who received great Sums which ſhould have been applied for publick Service, and taken divers other Perquiſites of Government, are not brought to account for the ſame, notwithſtanding the earneſt Application of this Aſſembly in that Behalf.

And as to the publick Grievances, they are ſo far from Redreſs, that we find thoſe that miſguide the Governor by their pernicious Advice and Influence, as well as the Magiſtrates and Officers, who are charged with Extortions and Oppreſſions, go on with Impunity.

The religious Meeting-houſes of Proteſtant Diſſenting Subjects are left expoſed to the Danger of the Statute of *Mortmaine*; and all the purchaſed Lands in this Province, ſince the Year 1690, are left to ſtruggle with the Conſequence of *Ford*'s Mortgage; for nothing was produced to us but a Re-conveyance from *Ford*'s Truſtees to the Proprietary and his Heirs, which veſts all the mortgaged Lands in him as before, which, as we are informed, he mortgaged again to others: So that thoſe late Purchaſers will want Confirmation; but how to come at it, we cannot at preſent direct them.

The *Swedes*, whoſe Petition againſt the Secretary we laid before the Governor, are come again, having, as we are informed, received nothing but ſcurrilous and affrontive Language from the Secretary, inſtead of Satisfaction.

And now having hinted theſe few Things of the many which might be enumerated, in order to give thee a View of the melancholy Circumſtances and Condition of this poor oppreſſed Colony, we ſhall leave it to thy ſerious Conſideration, humbly entreating thee to uſe thy Authority and utmoſt Endeavour to redreſs the ſaid Aggrievances, which we think there is no Way to effect, but by removing the Obſtructions which have, hitherto, rendered fruitleſs the cordial Endeavours of this Aſſembly, and reſolving, for the future, to concur with the Repreſentatives of the People in what they ſhall reaſonably propoſe.

Signed by Order of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, N. C. D.

September 29. 1709. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Ezra Croaſdale*, *John Cooke*, *Daniel Hoopes*, and *William Lee*, do carry the ſaid Remoſtrance to the Governor.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame to the Governor, according to Order; and then the Houſe, conſidering that this Seſſion of Aſſembly was ſo near expiring of Courſe, inſtead of adjourning, diſcontinued.

At

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1709.

1709. 8th Mo. 14. THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania* being according to Law and Charter elected upon the firſt Day of this Inſtant *October*, and the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties and City of *Philadelphia* having made Returns by Indentures, wherein the Names of all the Members choſen to ſerve in this Aſſembly are contained, according as the Law in that Caſe directs, excepting the County of *Cheſter*, whoſe Members notwithſtanding appeared, and gave their Attendance; whereupon the Names of the Members being called over, a Quorum of them appeared this Day at *Philadelphia*, and choſe *David Lloyd* Speaker of this Aſſembly, who ordered the Names of all the ſaid Members of the ſeveral Counties of this Province, and City of *Philadelphia*, to be called over as followeth, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Bucks *County*.	Cheſter *County*.
David Lloyd, Speaker.	*Joſhua Hoopes*,	*Samuel Levis*,
Joſeph Wilcox,	*Samuel Beaks*,	*John Maris*,
John Cooke,	*Samuel Darke*,	*John Hood*,
John Roberts,	*Ezra Croaſdale*,	*Henry Lewis*,
Griffith Jones,	*Robert Heaton*, jun.	*Daniel Williamſon*,
Francis Cooke,	*Henry Paxon*,	*Daniel Hoopes*,
Samuel Richardſon,	*Thomas Hilborn*,	*Richard Hayes*,
Peter Rambo.	*Thomas Harding*.	*William Smith*.

City *of* Philadelphia.
Pentecoſt Teague. *Abraham Bickley*.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Daniel Williamſon*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly are convened in a full Houſe, and having choſen their Speaker, will be ready to preſent him To-morrow Morning, if the Governor thinks fit.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, he will be ready accordingly.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox* draw the Qualification to be ſubſcribed by the Members of Aſſembly, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and he is alſo deſired to officiate as Clerk of this Aſſembly, at the Rates formerly allowed him by the Houſe for that Service. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Wilcox brought to the Houſe the Inſtrument drawn in order to qualify the Members, which being read, was ſubſcribed by the Speaker in his Chair, and all the Members preſent, as the Law directs, and ordered to be lodged with the Files of the Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Cooke*, and *John Maris*, do go to the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him to preſent their Speaker.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor acquainted them, he ſhall not be ready till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Daniel Williamſon*, and *Samuel Beaks*, do attend the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is deſirous that he will be pleaſed to receive them to preſent their Speaker by Three of the Clock at fartheſt; but if he cannot be ready at that Time, the Aſſembly will be ſatisfied to wait his Pleaſure, tho' it be till *Monday* next.

They returned, and reported, the Governor propoſes that the Houſe attend him on *Monday* next. Adjourned till *Monday* next, at Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 17. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Smith*, and *Daniel Hoopes*, do go to the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him to preſent their Speaker.

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They returned, and reported, that the Governor is ready to receive the Assembly accordingly.

Whereupon the House went to wait upon the Governor, to present their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, That the Governor made a Speech to the Assembly, and had delivered him a Copy thereof; as also, that the Governor, upon the Speaker's Motion, was pleased to promise that the Assembly shall have free Access to him as Occasion offers, and that a candid Construction shall be put upon their Words and Actions.

Ordered, That the Copy of the Governor's Speech be read, which was done accordingly, and is as followeth.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech.

'I HAD great Hopes, before the last Assembly broke up, that several Bills, then under Consideration, would have been concluded and passed before the Term of that House expired; but being then disappointed in what I had Reason to expect of them upon one of the important Heads that I had recommended on the Twenty-seventh Day of *July* last, in relation to the Support of Government, I was obliged to defer not only that, but the other Affairs before me, till the Meeting of the present House.

'The Bill for establishing Courts is very near finished: Some Progress has been made in the Bill for regulating Fees, and I desire it may be proceeded upon, by Conferences between Committees of the Council and Assembly, as before: Upon the other three Bills, *viz.* The supplementary Act for raising County Levies; the Act for enabling religious Societies, *&c.* to buy and sell Lands; the Act for licencing Ordinaries; which are all that lie before me, I shall give you my Opinion when the two others are dispatched.

'But I must here repeat, what I am sorry I have so much Occasion given me to mention, that there is, as yet, no Manner of Provision made for supporting the Lieutenancy of this Government. From the Proprietary, were it in his Power, it is not reasonable to expect it. I must therefore expresly let you know, that I cannot but consider your Care of that to be one of the first and principal Parts of your present Business. I am not, Gentlemen, asking any Favour or Gratuity to myself; I put you in Mind only of your discharging a Duty so incumbent on you, that, without it, no Government can have a Being. I am sensible some Advances were said to be made towards this in the last Assembly; but it is for your Honour, as well as mine, that the Bill be such as may become both you and me to concur in.

'Gentlemen, you are met for no other End than to serve the Country whom you represent; I hope therefore you will study all possible Means that may contribute to the real Happiness of that which, I believe, you will find may be much promoted by improving a good Understanding between you and me in our respective Stations.

'I would not willingly look back upon some of the Proceedings of the last House, only from thence I must give you a necessary Caution, to dwell less than has been done on that general Language of evil Counsel or Counsellors, generally used as an artful Method to strike at the Counselled; but, with me, I believe, without Occasion; or that of Grievances and Opressions, Words, by God's Blessing, understood by few (I find in this Province) who form them not in their own Imaginations; for I assure you, Gentlemen, if we are not as happy as the Circumstances of the Place will admit, it lies much in your Power to make us so; of which I hope you will consider, and use your Endeavours accordingly, with a full Resolution to remove whatever may stand in the Way.

'I have already said, that I should not look back to the Proceedings of the last House; but the Secretary has found himself so much aggrieved by their Remonstrance, that he has presented for my Perusal a long Defence, in which I shall not think myself any farther concerned than to observe to you, that, to my Surprize, he has charged the Speaker of that House with some Proceedings, which, if true, will require your Consideration, and some farther Measures to be taken upon them; for which Reason I have ordered him to lay a Copy of them before you; and I must say, if that Representation be well grounded, I cannot see that, under this Government, such a Person can be accounted fit for that Station; but at present I shall no farther enquire into it, only recommend to you to proceed with Diligence in whatever is incumbent on you in your Stations, as well in this as in all other Matters that may concern the Welfare of the Publick, and Honour of this Government, as now established.'

The Speaker also acquainted the House, That he had made Request of the Governor that the House might have the usual Privileges of the Assembly; that they may have free Access to the Governor; and that a candid Construction may be put upon their Words and Actions; which the Governor was pleased readily to promise: He also signified that the Governor was pleased to approve of the Choice of the House as to their Speaker, notwithstanding the latter Part of his Speech seemed to interfere therewith.

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Ordered, That the ſaid Speech be again read, which was done accordingly.

8th Mo. 17. A Motion being made, that the ſaid Speech be anſwered forthwith;

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to anſwer the ſame, and bring the ſaid Anſwer to the Houſe To-morrow in the Afternoon. Adjourned till To-morrow, at Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 18. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Impeachment, prepared by a former Aſſembly, againſt the Secretary, with the Evidence taken in Writing, and other Papers relating thereunto, be forthwith read, which was done accordingly.

The Committee appointed to draw an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, brought the ſame to the Houſe, where it was read; and, after ſome Amendments, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

The ASSEMBLY's ANSWER to the GOVERNOR's Speech to this Houſe, on the 17th of *October*, 1709.

Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

WE *ſhall be ready, with all Expedition, to proceed upon thoſe Bills mentioned in thy Speech; as alſo the other Bills, which we underſtand were laid before thee by the laſt Aſſembly*, viz. *An Act for confirming Patents and Grants*, &c. *an Act of Privilege to a Freeman; an Act to oblige Witneſſes to give Evidence, and to prevent falſe Swearing; an Act to prevent the Sale of ill tann'd Leather; an Act againſt Menacing, and Aſſault, and Battery; an Act about the Dates of Conveyances*, &c. *an Act for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; the original Draughts of which are now before us, in order to be read and debated.*

We have alſo under Conſideration the Supply Bill by the laſt Aſſembly, wherein we find due Care taken for Support of Government, and collecting the Arrears of former Taxes, without which, we hold it unreaſonable to lay a new One: We alſo find ſome Proviſion made for a particular Gratuity to thyſelf, which, conſidering thy Charge in coming over, and the Diſappointments thou met with ſince thou reſolved on that Undertaking, we think it as incumbent a Duty to contribute to that Charge, as to ſupport a Lieutenancy, which is ſo reſtricted by Inſtructions, or influenced by ill Advice, that tho' the Governor be ever ſo well inclined to concur with the Aſſembly, in making the People under his Care both eaſy and happy, yet we find, to our great Diſſatisfaction, that the Secretary purſuing that pernicious Rule [Divide and Govern] *endeavours ſtill to give what Interruption he can to the publick Buſineſs, and as much as in him lies to ſour the Temper and good Diſpoſition of the Governor, and ſet him againſt the Repreſentatives of the People, who are well affected towards him, and are ready, with all Chearfulneſs, to ſupport the Government under his Adminiſtration.*

But, may it pleaſe the Governor, we beg Leave to obſerve, that the Duty incumbent upon us to contribute to this general Support of the Lieutenancy, is grounded upon a Condition precedent; ſo that the People, according to the fundamental Rules of Engliſh *Government, are not obliged to contribute to the Support of that Adminiſtration which affords them no Redreſs when their Rights are violated, their Liberties infringed, and their Repreſentative Body affronted and abuſed: Hence it is that that Branch of the legiſlative Authority ſeldom move to give Supplies till their Aggrievances are redreſſed, and Reparation made for the Indignities they meet with from the other Branch of the ſame Authority.*

We are very ſenſible that the End of our meeting is to ſerve the Country; and we aſſure the Governor, there ſhall be nothing wanting on our Parts to promote it, and improve a good Underſtanding between him and us in our reſpective Stations; but let not the Language of the Repreſentatives of the People about evil Counſel, or Counſellors, Grievances and Oppreſſions, be irkſome to the Governor; for we ſhall not anſwer the true End of our meeting, nor diſcharge our Duty and Truſt to thoſe that ſent us, if we be ſilent, and not inſiſt upon redreſſing thoſe Things that are amiſs, with a Reſolution to uſe our Endeavours to remove what appears to ſtand in the Way.

We have, with all the Application this ſhort Time could allow, informed ourſelves of the Proceedings of the late Aſſemblies, and find no juſt Grounds for the Governor to ſuppoſe, that their Complaints of evil Counſel or Counſellors, have been uſed as a Method to ſtrike at him; but we believe it was their Care, as we find it to be ours, that the Governor may not be impoſed on, or prevailed with to adhere to evil Counſel, and render his Actings inconſiſtent.

We ſuppoſe it needleſs to be more expreſs than the late Aſſemblies have been, to demonſtrate what an Enemy the Secretary has been to the Welfare of this Province, and how abuſive he has been to the Repreſentatives of the People; ſo that we can do no leſs than repeat the Requeſt of former Aſſemblies, to have him removed from the Governor's Council, which, we doubt not, will be a moſt effectual Means to improve a good Underſtanding between thee and us.

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If the Governor will look back, and duly consider the Complaints and Remonstrances of the late Assemblies, it will appear that [Grievances and Oppressions] *are Words which are formed upon just Complaints, and for which the Country wants Redress; so that what the Governor supposes, on that Head, is not candid towards the Representatives of the People.*

May it please the Governor, whatever might be the Occasion or Design of the last Clause in thy Speech, we are of Opinion it was not well timed; for if the Secretary's Charge against our Speaker had any Weight, it should have been propounded as an Objection against the Assembly's Choice of him for Speaker: But, after thou had declared thy Approbation of their Choice, that thou should be prevailed upon so far to patronize the Secretary's Insinuation against the Speaker, as to make it a Part of thy Speech to us, before we had seen or heard the Charge, we can do no less than resent it as an Indignity offered to this House; for tho' we are Men that cannot be much meaner in the Governor's Eye than we are in our own Esteem, yet we must put him in Mind, that since the royal Charter commits this Part of the legislative Authority to our Care, we ought to have the Regard due to our Stations.

Signed by Order of the House, *N. C. D.*

October 18. 1709. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That the Bill for Regulation of Courts, and the Bill for settling the Fees of Officers, be forthwith distinctly read, which was done accordingly.

The Answer to the Governor's Speech being transcribed, was brought to the House, and signed by the Speaker.

Ordered, That *Joshua Hoopes*, *Daniel Williamson*, and *Samuel Levis*, do deliver the said Answer to the Governor. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 19.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Persons appointed, last Night, to deliver the Assembly's Answer to the Governor, reported, that they could not meet with the Governor last Night, but had delivered the same to him this Morning; and that the Governor acquainted them, he intends to go for *Newcastle* this Day, and shall be there some Time; and that the House may adjourn for thirteen Days, if they think fit, at which Time he will be ready to meet them again; and that as to the Speaker and Secretary, he will not concern himself in that Business; neither will he protect the one, naming the Secretary, nor condemn the other, naming the Speaker, with more Words to the same Purpose.

Ordered, That the Bills, intituled, *An Act to confirm Patents and Grants, and to prevent Law-suits; an Act of Privilege to a Freeman; an Act to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing; an Act to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather*, &c. *an Act against Menacing, and Assault, and Battery; an Act to prevent Disputes which may hereafter arise about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Instruments and Writings; an Act for the Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province*; be forthwith distinctly read, which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Samuel Richardson*, *William Smith*, and *Thomas Harding*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that seeing he is willing a Conference should be had in his Absence by a Committee of the Council and Assembly upon the Bill of Fees, that he will be pleased not to appoint the Secretary to be one upon the said Conference; for that his Circumstances and Behaviour has rendered him so obnoxious to the Assembly, that they are not willing to admit him upon Conferences or Messages for the future, till they have better Satisfaction concerning him. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Persons appointed to deliver the Message concerning the Secretary, reported, that they had delivered the same to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleased to assure them, the Secretary shall not be appointed on the said Conference.

Ordered, That the Bills, intituled, *A supplementary Act for raising County Levies; an Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands*, &c. *an Act about licencing of Publick-houses*, be forthwith read, which was done accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 20.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Supply Bill, prepared by the last Assembly, be forthwith read, which was done accordingly.

The Secretary sent to the House a certain Paper, directed to the Assembly, which was read, and to which the Governor's Speech referred, being ordered by the Governor, as the said Speech expresses, together with Copies and Abstracts of certain Letters, said to be written by the Speaker of this Assembly. The said Paper contained very scurrilous Reflections against the Speaker, and the last, as well as former Assemblies; therefore the House resolved that it be farther considered when the other publick Business is dispatched. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

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8th Mo. 20. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That a Copy of the Repreſentation, ſent to the Proprietary in the Year 1704, be forthwith read, which was done accordingly.

A Motion being made, that a Committee be appointed to meet a Committee of the Council To-morrow Morning, according to the Governor's Propoſal, about the Bill of Fees;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council to conſider of, and confer upon, the Bill to regulate the Officers Fees.

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, that in caſe the Officers offer to appear, or deſire to be heard in the ſaid Committee, that they be not admitted until they ſhall have firſt laid before this Houſe an Account of the Fees they now take reſpectively.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes* acquaint ſome of the Council, that a Committee of this Houſe will join a Committee of the Council To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock, at the Houſe where the Aſſembly ſits.

Who returned, and reported, that he had ſpoke with *Edward Shippen*, the eldeſt Member of Council, and acquainted him with the Order of the Houſe; who was pleaſed to aſſure him, that the Committee of the Council intended to meet To-morrow Morning on the Bill of Fees, and he doubts not will meet a Committee of the Aſſembly, according to their Propoſal. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 21. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes* go to the Council, and acquaint them, that a Committee of the Aſſembly is ready to join with a Committee of the Council, to confer upon the Bill of Fees.

He returned, and reported, that he had acquainted ſome of the Council with the ſaid Meſſage; who intended to come to the Houſe forthwith.

The Houſe then, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to join a Committee of the Council upon the Conference propoſed concerning the Bill of Fees; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the ſaid Conference, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Joſeph Wilcox* reported from the ſaid Committee, that a conſiderable Progreſs was made at the ſaid Conference upon the Bill of Fees; but not having Time fully to go through the ſaid Bill, the Committee had ordered him to move for Leave to meet again with the Members of Council To-morrow Morning, in order to proceed upon the ſaid Conference.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that in regard the Governor is willing the Aſſembly ſhall adjourn during his Abſence at *Newcaſtle*, and a ſmaller Number being ſufficient to be of the Committee with the Council upon the ſaid Conference; that therefore ſuch Members of this Houſe as are Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, or ſo many of them, or others, as can conveniently meet, may be a Committee, to join a Committee of the Council To-morrow Morning, in order to proceed upon the ſaid Conference, and ſettle the Fees, and make Report thereof to the Houſe at their next Meeting; and that ſuch Members as attend thereon, be allowed their Wages as if the Houſe were ſitting; and that the Houſe do adjourn till the laſt Day of *October* inſtant? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

8th Mo. 31. SEVERAL of the Members of Aſſembly met; but there not appearing a full Houſe, the Members preſent agreed to ſend *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *John Roberts*, to enquire if the Governor be yet come to Town; who accordingly went to the Governor's Lodgings, and were informed he is not come to Town, nor will be till the latter End of the Week at ſooneſt. Whereupon the ſaid Perſons were ſent to the Secretary to make the ſame Enquiry; who anſwered them he knew nothing of it: And being aſked if he had received any Meſſage from him to communicate to the Aſſembly? Anſwered, He had not.

Whereupon the Members agreed to meet again To-morrow Morning.

9th Mo. 1. Divers Members met, and ſent to enquire if the Governor is yet come from *Newcaſtle*; but the Members who went on that Meſſage reported, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings, and were informed he will not be in Town in a Week's Time, or more.

Whereupon the Members preſent agreed to adjourn till the fourteenth Day of this inſtant *November*; and ordered *Pentecoſt Teague* to acquaint the Governor therewith, if he comes to Town in the Interval.

9th Mo. 14. DIVERS Members met; but there not being a full Houſe, the Members preſent adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

9th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, and the Speaker aſſuming the Chair, the Members were called over, and a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *Thomas Harding*, go to the Governor's Lodgings, and enquire if he be come to Town.

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They returned, and reported, that the Governor is not come to Town, but is expected this Evening.

Samuel Richardson reported from the Committee appointed to confer with a Committee of the Council upon the Bill of Fees, that the said Committee, at the Conference, had gone through the Bill of Fees, and settled them all, excepting the Fees belonging to the Collector and Naval Officer, which they had agreed to wave till the next Sitting of the House. *9th Mo.* 15.

Pentecost Teague reported, that he had acquainted the Governor with the Time of the Adjournment, according to the Order of the first Instant; who was pleased to answer, that it was very well, or to that Purpose.

The Speaker acquainted the House, that when the Members of Assembly met on the first Day of *November* last, the Secretary brought a Petition to the Members who were present, desiring that Preparation may be made for his Trial, upon the Impeachment of a former Assembly; which being read in the House, was ordered to be read again To-morrow Morning, adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *9th Mo.* 16.

The Petition of *James Logan* being again read, and debated, the House came to the following Resolutions thereupon, *N. C. D.*

1. *Resolved*, That forasmuch as it does not appear by the Minutes of the former Assembly, by whom the Secretary was impeached, that he had put in any Answer to the particular Charges; that therefore it is the Opinion of this House, that the said *James Logan* do, forthwith, lay before this Assembly his particular Answer to every Charge contained in the said Articles of Impeachment.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this House, that if the said *James Logan* refuses or neglects to bring in his Answer, as aforesaid, within six Days, now next ensuing, this House will then take the Matters of Charge, so refused or neglected to be answered, as confessed by the said *Logan*, and shall proceed against him accordingly.

3. *Resolved*, That if the said *James Logan* do bring in his Answer in Manner aforesaid, the House will then transmit the Proofs to the Governor, and be ready to attend him to prosecute the said *James Logan* effectually when he pleases to proceed judicially upon the said Impeachment; which the Governor is earnestly desired to do with all possible Speed.

Ordered, That *William Smith*, *Robert Heaton*, and *Peter Rambo*, do wait upon the Governor when he comes to Town, and acquaint him, that the Secretary has sent a Petition to the House, desiring that the Assembly will make Provision to bring him to Trial, upon the Articles formerly exhibited against him; which the House being very desirous to do, have come to certain Resolves thereupon, a Copy whereof they are ordered to deliver him accordingly.

A Petition of Capt. *George Roach*, and several other Merchants and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, desiring that Provision be speedily made to prevent the Exportation of Money, and for laying an Imposition upon Wines, *&c.* imported in foreign Bottoms; as also to promote the passing of Paper Bills; and about the Rates of Gold, *&c.* was brought to the House, and read.

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Pentecost Teague*, *Richard Hayes*, *Francis Cooke*, *Abraham Bickley*, *John Cooke*, and *John Roberts*, or some four of them, be a Committee to consider of the said Petition, and make Report thereof to the House To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *9th Mo.* 17.

The Committee appointed, last Night, to consider of the Petition of Capt. *George Roach* and others, reported to the House, that they had come to certain Resolutions, which they had put into the Form of a Bill, which was read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That *John Maris* go to the Governor's Lodgings, and enquire if he be yet come to Town.

He returned, and reported, that the Governor was expected last Night; but is not yet come to Town. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *9th Mo.* 18.

Ordered, That *Daniel Hoopes* do go to the Governor's Lodgings, and enquire if he be yet come to Town.

He returned, and reported, that he enquired at the Governor's Lodgings, and was informed that he is not yet come to Town.

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed before the last Adjournment to confer with a Committee of the Council upon the Bill of Fees, be revived; and the said Committee are to join a Committee of the Council at Two a Clock this Afternoon, to settle the Fees of the Collector, Naval-Officer, and Judge of the Admiralty, with such others as may occur, or be necessary to be added to the Bill, and make Report of their Doings to the House To-morrow Morning.

1709. *Ordered*, That *Griffith Jones*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, acquaint *Edward Shippen*, and
9*th Mo.* 18. ſome others of the Council, with the Order of the Houſe concerning the Conference upon the Bill of Fees appointed this Afternoon, and deſire them to attend the ſaid Conference.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to ſome of the Council, who intended to inform others; and alſo inclined to attend the Conference. *Daniel Williamſon* alſo informed the Houſe, that the Secretary acquainted him, the Governor is not like to be in Town very ſpeedily. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

9*th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to confer with the Members of Council upon the Remainder of the Bill of Fees, reported, that the ſaid Conference was begun Yeſterday; but nothing proceeded on, ſave in Generals, and endeavouring to ſettle the proper Articles to be charged by the Collector and Naval-Officer; but had agreed to meet the Council again this Morning, if the Houſe thinks fit.

Reſolved, That the Committee do ſit again this Morning with the Members of Council upon the ſaid Conference, and make Report on *Monday* next. Adjourned till the Day called *Monday* next, being the Twenty-firſt of this Inſtant, at Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

9*th Mo.* 21. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Perſons appointed to deliver the Reſolves of the Houſe on the ſixteenth Inſtant to the Governor, reporting to the Houſe that the Governor is not yet come to Town;

Ordered, That a Copy of the ſaid Reſolves of the Houſe on the ſixteenth Inſtant, with the Order thereupon, be delivered to the Secretary, requiring his Compliance with the ſaid Reſolves without Delay.

Ordered, That *Samuel Richardſon* deliver the ſaid Secretary a Copy of the ſaid Reſolves, and Order thereupon, accordingly.

He returned, and reported, he had deliver'd the ſame to the Secretary, according to Order.

The Committee appointed to join with the Members of Council about the Fees, reported to the Houſe, that they had made ſome conſiderable Progreſs therein, and had ſettled thoſe Fees, unſettled by the former Committee, in the Bill; which being read, was approved by the Houſe.

A Motion being made, that in regard the Governor has ſo far ſlighted the legiſlative Authority of this Province, as to neglect his Duty in meeting them, to proceed in Legiſlation, and redreſſing the Grievances of the People, by which their good Intentions have hitherto been obſtructed, that therefore, in his Abſence, the Houſe will take into Conſideration that abuſive Paper, of *James Logan*'s, againſt the Speaker and the former Aſſemblies, as well as preſent Aſſembly, which the Governor, in his firſt Speech to this Houſe, ordered him to lay before us; the Speaker alſo deſiring, that his Defence or Vindication, againſt the Calumnies and Abuſes contained in the ſaid Paper, might alſo be heard, and conſidered by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the ſame accordingly. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

9*th Mo.* 22. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

According to the Order of Yeſterday, the Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Secretary's abuſive Paper, and the Speaker's Defence; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and *Francis Cooke* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Buſineſs to them referred; but not having Time to finiſh it, had moved for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at Six a Clock, *Poſt Meridiem*, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the farther Conſideration thereof. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe being acquainted that the Governor is juſt now come to Town;

Ordered, That *Griffith Jones*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, *William Smith*, and *Robert Heaton*, do wait upon the Governor, and deliver him a Copy of the Reſolves of this Houſe on the ſixteenth Inſtant, concerning the Secretary's Petition; and alſo deſire his ſpeedy Anſwer thereunto.

James Logan brought a Paper to the Houſe, which he called a Complaint, which was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered the Copy of the ſaid Reſolves, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, he will conſider of their Meſſage, and ſend an Anſwer to the Houſe.

A Motion being made, that the Committee of the whole Houſe, appointed to ſit this Evening, may have full Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe then, according to the Order of this Morning, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the Buſineſs to them referred; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

in, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported to the House, that the Committee had come to a Resolution upon the Matters committed to them, and had appointed two Members, *viz. Joshua Hoopes*, and *Robert Heaton*, to give Notice to the Secretary to appear at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, with his Proofs, to make good his Charge against the Speaker, who denies divers of his Charges against him; and to that End the Committee had ordered him to move the House for Leave to sit again at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning accordingly. 1709. 9th Mo. 22.

Resolved, That this House will, at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed farther in the Premises, and to attend whilst the Secretary make good his Charge if he appear. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 9th Mo. 23.

The House then, according to the Order of Yesterday, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed in the Matters to them referred; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported to the House, That altho' the Secretary had answered the Members sent from the Committee last Night to give him Notice to attend, that he could not come; yet he did attend the said Committee this Morning; and being prest to make good his Charge and Accusation against the Speaker, he declined it, alledging he was suddenly to go away and leave the Province, and could not now make Proof of the said Charge, for that some of his Witnesses were at a great Distance. To which he was answered, that the Accuser ought always to be ready to make good his Charge; and that himself, in particular, had said he was ready to prove his Accusation, therefore the Committee now expected it; but forasmuch as he pretended want of Time to make such full Proof as the Nature of the Business may require, yet that the Committee expected him to make as good Proof as he could at present, which they proposed might be done by exhibiting the Names and Depositions of the Witnesses to the respective Matters of Charge against their said Speaker, and such other Papers and Things as he had in Readiness, or could get ready in a short Time; but that the Secretary still persisting in his Refusal to proceed to the Proof of his said Charge, the Committee had proposed that he should withdraw, and attend them again in an Hour, and that in the mean time they would consider of his Answer; yet he had slighted the Proposal and Order of the Committee, and upon his Departure declared, he could not spend one Hour's Time more in that Business, tho' the Committee had given him Time till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon; that the Matter being of great Consequence, the Committee had directed him to report it specially to the House, leaving it to their Wisdom and Consideration to proceed farther therein as to them shall seem meet; but desire Leave to sit again, in order to hear and consider the Speaker's Defence, and make Report to the House thereupon.

Resolved, That the Secretary be ordered to attend at the Bar of this House at Four a Clock in the Afternoon, to make good his Accusation aforesaid; or otherwise to hear the Mind and Opinion of the House, in case of Refusal; and that *Daniel Williamson* give him Notice thereof. Adjourned till Two a Clock, P. M. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Daniel Williamson reported to the House, that he had given the Secretary Notice to attend the House at Four a Clock this Afternoon, according to Order; and that he answered him, he intended to call about that Time.

The House then proceeded to the Consideration of the Matters of Charge againg the Secretary; and, after sundry Debates thereupon, came to the following Resolutions, *N. C. D.*

1. *Resolved*, That inasmuch as the Speaker hath avoided some, and denied the rest of the Matters lately charged upon him by the Secretary, the House requires him, the said Secretary, to attend the Assembly at Four of the Clock this Afternoon, and lay before them all the Proofs he has ready to produce, and the Names and Depositions of such Witnesses as, by reason of their distant Abode, cannot at present attend, with all the Letters and Papers which he refers to.

2. *Resolved*, That the Reflections he has made, by Word and Writing, upon the Proceedings of the late Assemblies, as also his charging this Assembly's Proceedings with Unfairness and manifest Injustice, are conceived to be an Offence to this Assembly.

3. *Resolved*, That the House expects *James Logan* to give an Account to the Assembly of all the Money which has come to his Hands by Fines and Forfeitures, as well as of the late Taxes and Imposts appropriated for Support of Government.

James Logan came to the House, and being admitted to the Bar, was informed by the Speaker, that the House were come to three Resolutions concerning him, wherewithal the Speaker acquainted him particularly, and demanded his Answer to each of them.

Whereupon he answered, that he would speak to the last Resolve first, *viz.* that about the publick Money, concerning which he declared, That he never received any Part of the Tax or Impost (granted for Support of Government) directly or indirectly; and as to the Fines and Forfeitures, the Amount of them was so small, that he was almost ashamed of

1709. 9th Mo. 23. of it; and in fine concluded, that he had no Money in his Hands, or had received none for which he was accountable to the Houſe, even in the Judgment or Senſe of the Aſſembly themſelves; that he had acted, by a Commiſſion from the Proprietary, as Receiver-General, and thought himſelf accountable to none but him for any Thing he had received, or to that Effect.

He then proceeded to the ſecond Reſolve, whereunto he gave no ſatisfactory Anſwer, but rather multiplied and aggravated his former Offences and Contempt, declaring he could not acknowledge that to be no Injuſtice, which he conceived ſtill ſo to be, and made divers Excurſions, which were fully anſwered by the Speaker and ſome other Members.

To the firſt, concerning the Speaker, he anſwered, that he could not comply with the Expectation of the Houſe therein; but when he came again, or returned to this Province, which would be before the Term of this Aſſembly expires (as he hoped) he then intended to make good his Charge, and was ſo far from retracting or acknowledging his Offence (tho' he proved not one Tittle of it) that he declared he would return to this Province on Purpoſe to prove it, tho' he had no other Buſineſs, with other aggravating Expreſſions, to the great Diſſatisfaction and Offence of the Houſe; but offered no Manner of Proof, tho' the Reſolve on this Head required nothing from him but what was in his Power to comply withal, without obſtructing his pretended Voyage. And being required to withdraw,

The Houſe took the ſaid Anſwers and Deportment into Conſideration; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Debate thereof,

Reſolved, That the Secretary's Anſwers and Deportment is no ways ſatisfactory to this Houſe; and that the Houſe will conſider how farther to proceed againſt him the firſt Thing To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 24. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Secretary came to the Houſe, and being admitted, he delivered a Paper to the Houſe, which was read, and ſeem'd to be deſigned as an Acknowledgment of his Offences; but being conſidered by the Houſe, appeared to be idle and trifling with the Aſſembly; and upon the Queſtion put, was reſolved to be no Satisfaction to the Houſe by every Member preſent; which Paper was ordered to be lodged with the Files of the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Pentecoſt Teague*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know his Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Reſolves of the ſixteenth Inſtant, which were preſented to him ſince he came to Town; and they are alſo to acquaint him, that the Fees being ſettled by the Committees of Council and Aſſembly, and ready to be inſerted in the Bill, the Houſe deſire to know, whether the Governor will be willing at this Time to paſs that Bill and the Bill of Courts?

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that he did not think fit to ſit judicially upon the Trial of the Secretary, nor that he was ſafe ſo to do; and as to the Bills, he could ſay nothing to them till he ſaw them; but expected the Aſſembly would lay before him all ſuch Bills as they deſired ſhould be paſt into Laws, and he will then conſider them, and give his Anſwer to the Houſe; and withal gave them Order to aſſure the Houſe, that he will not protect the Secretary, but leave the Aſſembly to proceed againſt him as they ſhall think fit.

The Houſe then took again into Conſideration the Offence of the ſaid Secretary; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, came to the following Reſolves, *N. C. D.*

1. *Reſolved*, That inaſmuch as *James Logan* has not, hitherto, given this Houſe Satisfaction for the many Reflections he has caſt upon ſundry good Members of this Houſe in particular, and the whole Houſe in general, charging the Proceedings of this Aſſembly with Unfairneſs and Injuſtice; therefore, that the ſaid *James Logan* ſhall be committed to the County Goal of *Philadelphia*.

2. *Reſolved*, That he, the ſaid *James Logan*, ſhall remain in the ſaid County Goal, in ſafe Cuſtody, until he ſhall willingly make his Submiſſion, to the Satisfaction of this Houſe, or of ſuch Order as this Houſe ſhall take for the ſame, during the Continuance of this preſent Aſſembly.

3. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid *James Logan* ſhall be deemed and adjudged, and is by this Houſe declared and adjudged to be diſabled to hold or receive any publick Office in this Province, until he gives Satisfaction as aforeſaid, for his ſaid Offences done to this Houſe in general, and to the ſaid Members in particular. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment, *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Speaker ſign a Warrant or Order, directed to the High Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, to apprehend the Secretary, and ſecure him in Cuſtody, according to the Reſolves of the Houſe this Morning? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.* Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 25. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, that the Houſe do reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to hear and conſider the Speaker's Vindication and Defence, againſt the Aſperſions and Accuſations

cusations of the Secretary, and make Report thereupon, according to their Desire, on the Twenty-third Instant; 1709. 9th. Mo. 25.

Resolved, That this House will, immediately, resolve into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed therein as desired.

And accordingly the House resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider thereof; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Chairman reported from the said Committee as followeth, *viz.*

May it please the House,

THE Speaker's Vindication from the Charges of the Secretary being, according to the Order of the House, referred to the Examination of this Committee, was read, and maturely considered; and upon hearing the Proofs and Vouchers produced by the said Speaker, this Committee thought fit to send for *James Logan*, requiring him to bring what Proofs he had or could procure, to make good the Matters of Charge contained in his Paper, directed to the House of Representatives *October* the 19th, 1709, whereunto the said Vindication is in Part an Answer; but the said *James Logan* refusing to produce any Proofs at all, this Committee came to the following Resolves, *N. C. D.* Report of the Committee on the Speaker's Vindication.

1. *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the said Vindication is, for the most Part, supported with undeniable Proofs and Vouchers, and the rest of it with very probable Circumstances and Presumptions.

2. *Resolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, That the said *James Logan*'s Paper, so as aforesaid directed to the House of Representatives, is a most false and scandalous Libel, reproaching several good Members of the said House, and aspersing and contemning the Authority, Power and Proceedings of the Representative Body of the People of this Province in Assemblies.

All which, being ordered by the Committee to be reported specially, is left to the Wisdom and Justice of the House to consider of as to them shall seem meet.

Signed by Order of the Committee,

FRANCIS COOKE, *Chairman.*

To which Resolves the House agreed, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That an Address be forthwith prepared and sent to the Governor, together with the said Vindication and Resolves; as also the Address of above Seventy of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Year 1701, to the then Assembly, with a Copy of the Report of a Committee of that Assembly, who sat at *Anthony Morris*'s thereupon; which said Address being drawn, and brought to the House, and read, was, after some Amendments, agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, the 25th Day *November*, 1709,

An ADDRESS of the House of REPRESENTATIVES.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

THOU was pleased, at the Meeting of this Assembly on the Seventeenth of October *last, to acquaint us, that thou had ordered the Secretary to lay before the House a long Defence, which he had thentofore presented for thy Perusal, by which Encouragement, as we suppose, he took the Boldness to send to this Assembly on the nineteenth Day of that Month a most false and scandalous Libel, not only against the late Assemblies of this Province in general, but the present Speaker and some other Members in particular. Whether it be the same Defence intended to be laid before us by the Governor, we cannot determine; and are unwilling to believe that the Governor should have so little Regard to that Branch of the legislative Authority of this Province, wherewithal we are intrusted, as to order such a Paper to be laid before this House, as it was: However, thy long Absence from this Assembly, met according to thy own Proposal of Adjournment, and not giving them any Notice of the Certainty of thy Return, gave the Speaker (who was particularly aspersed in the said Paper) an Opportunity of making his own Vindication, which he has done before a Committee appointed by the Assembly for that Purpose; who having heard and considered the Vouchers and Proofs of the said Vindication, and being well satisfied therewith, have come to certain Resolutions thereupon, which being reported and approved of by the House, was thought fit to be laid before thee, together with the said Vindication, which is herewith presented,* N. C. D. Assembly's Address to the Governor.

1709. *Ordered*, That *Francis Cooke*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Samuel Levis*, and *Thomas Hilborn*, deliver the ſaid Addreſs and Vindication to the Governor.

9th Mo. 25. They returned, and reported, that they had delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Adjournment. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Reſolved, That the High Sheriff of *Philadelphia* be the Aſſembly's Officer, to execute ſuch Commands, Orders and Warrants, as ſhall be directed to him and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, That the High Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia* be ſent for, and ordered to attend the Houſe immediately; who appearing, and being admitted into the Houſe, the Speaker acquainted him, that the Houſe had choſen him to be their Officer to execute ſuch Warrants and Orders as the Houſe ſhall appoint, being ſigned by the Speaker; and that there was now a preſent Occaſion for him to execute an Order of the Houſe againſt the Secretary; which the ſaid Sheriff promiſed to do; and was thereupon ordered to withdraw, and attend the Houſe in an Hour, to receive their Order.

Who attending accordingly, the Warrant or Order for apprehending the Secretary was delivered him, a Copy whereof hereafter follows.

At the ASSEMBLY *held at* Philadelphia, *the 25th Day of* November, 1709.

Warrant for apprehending the Secretary. THE Houſe of Repreſentatives did, Yeſterday, adjudge *James Logan* for his Offence in reflecting upon ſundry Members of this Houſe in particular, and the whole Houſe in general, charging the Proceedings of this Aſſembly with Unfairneſs and Injuſtice:

Theſe are therefore, in the Behalf of the ſaid Houſe of Repreſentatives, to require and charge thee to attach the Body of the ſaid *James Logan*, and him take forthwith into thy Cuſtody within the County Goal of our Lady the Queen, for the County of *Philadelphia*, under thy Charge, and him therein ſafely to detain and keep, until he ſhall willingly make his Submiſſion to the Satisfaction of this Houſe, or of ſuch Order as this Houſe ſhall take for the ſame during the Continuance of this preſent Aſſembly, and this ſhall be thy ſufficient Warrant in that Behalf.

Given under my Hand, this Twenty-fifth of November, 1709.

To Peter Evans, *Eſq*; *Sheriff of the City and County of* Philadelphia. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Adjournment. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

9th Mo. 26. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia* attending the Houſe, and being admitted, declared to the Houſe, That he had been with the Secretary, and had acquainted him that he had a Warrant from the Aſſembly againſt him, and ſhewed him the ſaid Warrant; that the Secretary thereupon deſired him to go with him to the Governor, which accordingly he did, at the Houſe of *Richard Hill*, Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*; that the Governor was pleaſed to command him to deſiſt, and not to touch the ſaid *Logan*, at his Peril, by any Order from the Aſſembly, declaring that we were no Aſſembly; that the Governor had ſent for him before he had received the Warrant, and charged him not to execute any ſuch if it ſhould come to his Hands; that the ſaid *Richard Hill*, being there when he was thus before the Governor with the Secretary, demanded of him how he durſt execute ſuch a Warrant in this Place without acquainting him firſt with it (with other menacing Expreſſions.) Whereupon the Speaker acquainted him, That if the Governor thought fit to ſuperſede the ſaid Warrant, it muſt be by an Inſtrument in Writing, otherwiſe the Houſe can take no Notice of it, but will expect him to do his Duty; and he thereupon was ordered to withdraw.

The Speaker acquainted the Houſe, That he received a Paper laſt Night, by *Stephen Gold*, from the Governor, which contained ſome Account of what he had ſaid to ſome Members of Aſſembly about the Secretary's Trial, *&c.* which he has deſired may be communicated to the Members as Opportunity offers, and to the Houſe at their next Meeting; for that he cannot now conſider the Aſſembly as a Houſe, ſeeing they have dropt their own Adjournment, as he ſays, or Words to that Effect. Adjourned till *Monday* next, being the Twenty-eighth Inſtant, at Two a Clock, P. M.

Adjournment.

9th Mo. 28. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Peter Evans, Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, being, upon his Requeſt, admitted into the Houſe, declared, That he had received from the Governor a *Superſedeas* to the Warrant ſigned by the Speaker againſt the Secretary, under the Governor's Hand, and the Seal of the Province, which he produced, and delivered to the Speaker; which being read in the Houſe, and the Contents thereof conſidered, and debated, the Houſe came to the following Reſolutions thereupon, *N. C. D.*

1. *Reſolved*,

1. *Resolved*, That the Governor hath no Right or lawful Authority, by the Constitution of this Government, to prohibit the Orders of the Assembly for punishing Contempts and Abuses offered them when they attend the Service of the Assembly. 1709. 9th Mo. 28.

2. *Resolved*, That the *Supersedeas*, so as aforesaid issued by the present Lieutenant Governor, is illegal, and the granting thereof arbitrary; and that all such as advised him to grant the same, have given him pernicious Counsel, tending to subvert the Rights and Privileges of such Assemblies, and to the manifest Obstruction of Justice.

3. *Resolved*, That the Governor's Objection that this Assembly is no House, because, as he says, they dropt their Adjournment, is of no Weight; because, if that should be granted, 'tis possible that by Violence of Weather, Mortality or Indisposition, it may often happen, as it hath done heretofore, that Two Thirds of the whole Number cannot meet on the Day appointed; in which Case the Constitution might be in danger of a Dissolution, which would be an Absurdity not to be supposed.

Ordered, That a Remonstrance be drawn to be sent to the Governor on this Occasion; as also to press him to pass such Bills as will be ready to be sent him therewith, with what other Bills are before him; and that it be brought to the House as soon as drawn.

Ordered, That the Bill of Fees be regulated, according to the Agreement of the Committees appointed by the Governor to settle the same; which being done accordingly, was read and agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.*

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, *N. C. D.* that the said *Peter Evans*, Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ought to execute the Warrant directed to him, and signed by the Speaker, against the Secretary, notwithstanding the Commands of any Person or Persons here to the contrary; and it is farther ordered, that *Henry Lewis*, and *William Smith*, do give him Notice thereof.

Who returned, and reported, that they had delivered the said Message to the Sheriff according to Order.

The Speaker acquainted the House, That he had received, last *Seventh Day*, in the Evening, a Letter from *George Whitehead* and *Thomas Lower*, two of the Assembly's Agents in *London*, dated the Seventh of the *Third Month* last, to the Assembly here; which being read in the House, containing an Account of their Endeavours with the Proprietary, for the Ease of the People of this Province; and that he had assured them, he would answer the Contents of the Assembly's Letter of the Fifteenth of *October*, 1708, himself; and that the Secretary shall be brought to his Trial upon the Articles charged against him, *&c.*

Resolved, *N. C. D.* That a Letter be forthwith drawn, to be sent to the said Persons, and *William Mead*, the other Agent, to be signed by the Speaker, and all the Members present, containing a Narrative of the Proceedings of the last and present Assemblies; and how the Governor has hitherto declined to concur in passing such Bills as they have laid before him; and, particularly, how he has treated the present Assembly, in respect to the Secretary, and otherwise, *&c.* and a Committee is desired and ordered to prepare the same, and bring it to the House as soon as drawn. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 9th Mo. 29.

The Remonstrance, agreed on Yesterday, to be sent to the Governor, being drawn, and brought to the House, was ordered to be read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed.

Also the Letter, agreed to be prepared and sent to the Assembly's Agents in *London*, was brought to the House, and read; and, after some Amendments, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be transcribed; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 9th Mo. 30.

The Remonstrance, agreed on Yesterday in the House, being transcribed, was brought to the House, and signed by the Speaker, according to Order.

Ordered, That *Pentecost Teague*, *Griffith Jones*, *Samuel Richardson*, *Samuel Dark*, and *William Smith*, do attend the Governor with the said Remonstrance; and also deliver him the Bill of Courts, and the Bill of Fees, regulated as aforesaid.

They returned, and reported, that they cannot meet with the Governor, tho' they diligently sought him; which said Remonstrance is as followeth.

The REMONSTRANCE of the House of REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, presented to *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the same Province, the 30th Day of *November*, 1709.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

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Note, *This Remonstrance is wanting, both in the Minutes of Council and Assembly; but the Substance of it may be collected from the subsequent Minutes.*

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Ordered,

1709. *Ordered*, That the ſame Members endeavour to deliver it to the Governor in the Afternoon. Adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

9th Mo. 30. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to preſent the Remonſtrance and Bills to the Governor, reported to the Houſe, that they had met with the Governor at the Houſe of *Charles Spencer*, to whom they delivered their Meſſage; and alſo preſented the ſaid Remonſtrance, with the two Bills, deſiring his Concurrence thereunto; as alſo to the Bill about religious Societies, and the ſupplementary Act for raiſing County Levies; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that we are no Aſſembly, and would receive no Papers from them as Members of Aſſembly; that upon preſſing him to receive the ſaid Bills and Remonſtrance, in hopes (as they told him) that upon deliberate Conſideration, he will ſee Cauſe to alter his Opinion and Reſolution; he was pleaſed to tell them, that he was a Stranger amongſt us, and to our Conſtitution; and therefore had taken the Advice of his Council, who had adviſed him that we are no Aſſembly, in their Judgment, which was the Reaſon he would receive no Papers from them, as Members of Aſſembly, with more Words to the ſame Purpoſe; and that therefore they had brought the ſaid Bills and Remonſtrance back to the Houſe again. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *10th Mo.* 1, The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, that in regard the Governor refuſed to receive the Remonſtrance and Bills, preſented him laſt Night, that therefore the ſaid Remonſtrance and Bills be lodged with *Edward Shippen*, the eldeſt Member of Council, and that he be deſired to preſent them to the Governor for his Conſideration as ſoon as a good Opportunity offers; and, that in caſe the Governor perſiſt in his Refuſal to receive them, that the ſaid *Edward Shippen* be ordered to return them to the Speaker? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *John Roberts*, carry them to the ſaid *Edward Shippen* accordingly, and acquaint him with the Order of the Houſe therein.

They returned, and reported, that they had delivered them to the ſaid *Edward Shippen*; and alſo acquainted him with the Order of the Houſe therein; who promiſed them to obſerve it.

The Queſtion being put, that a Copy of the ſaid Remonſtrance be ſent to the Coffee-houſe for publick View? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

A Motion being made, that foraſmuch as the Houſe has been given to underſtand, that ſome Perſons have inſinuated to the Governor, that no Inſtance can be given, that any former Aſſembly, in this Province, proceeded to order any Perſon to be attached who was not a Member of their own Houſe; and ſeeing there are divers Inſtances to be given of the contrary, in this Province, particularly the Caſe of *Patrick Robinſon*; and alſo *Johannes Lawrenſon*, complained againſt by *Joſeph Growdon*, for giving him the Way, *&c.* that therefore the ſaid two Inſtances ſhall be noted in the Margent of the ſaid Remonſtrance before it be expoſed for publick View;

Ordered, That the ſame be inſerted accordingly.

Ordered, That *Francis Cooke* do carry the ſaid Remonſtrance to the Coffee-houſe, to be expoſed for publick View.

Who returned, and reported, that he had delivered or left the ſame at the Coffee-houſe, according to Order.

A Motion being made, that ſuch Parts of the Journal of this Aſſembly, as a Committee of this Houſe, now to be appointed, ſhall agree on, be tranſcribed, and expoſed to publick View, for the Satisfaction of the Inhabitants of this Province; and that *Griffith Jones*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Pentecoſt Teague*, *Francis Cooke*, *John Cooke*, *Abraham Bickley*, or as many of them as can conveniently meet, ſhall, with the Speaker, be a Committee for that Purpoſe, who may order as many Copies thereof as they think fit, and can get drawn without Charge to the Publick; but that the ſaid Copies be examined, and ſigned by the Speaker, before they be expoſed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

The Letter, drawn to be ſent to the Aſſembly's Agents in *London*, being tranſcribed, with a Duplicate thereof, the ſaid Tranſcript and Duplicate, as alſo the firſt Draught, was ſigned by the Speaker, and all the Members preſent.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order upon the Treaſurer, to pay *Joſeph Wilcox Six Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Six-pence*, New Currency, out of the Publick Money in his Hands, being ſo much due to the ſaid *Joſeph* for his immediate Service to this Aſſembly; as alſo a Note on the ſaid Treaſurer, to pay unto *Nicholas Roſogan*, Door-keeper to this Houſe, the Sum of *Three Pounds*, *Three Shillings*, and *Three-pence*, like Currency.

And then the Houſe, conſidering that the Governor had utterly refuſed to proceed with the Aſſembly in Legiſlation, or otherwiſe, agreed to adjourn; and accordingly, after having ordered *Pentecoſt Teague* and *Francis Cooke* to acquaint the Governor therewith, the Houſe Adjourned till the firſt *Second Day* of the Week in the *Third Month* next, unleſs the Governor ſhall think fit, in the Interval, to requeſt their Attendance ſooner.

Adjournment.

At an ASSEMBLY held in Philadelphia, the Fourteenth Day of October, Anno Domini, 1710.

The Names of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Chester *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Edward Farmar,	*Nicholas Pile*,	*Abel Janney*,
William Trent,	*Joseph Baker*,	*John Clark*,
Edward Jones,	*William Lewis*,	*Stoffel Vansand*,
Thomas Masters,	*John Wood*,	*John Hough*,
Thomas Jones,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Thomas Stevenson*,
Samuel Cart,	*Ephraim Jackson*,	*Samuel Baker*,
Jonathan Dickinson,	*Caleb Pusey*,	*Jeremiah Langhorn*,
David Giffing.	*Isaac Taylor*.	*William Biles*.

City of Philadelphia.
Richard Hill. *Isaac Norris*.

THE Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, met at *Philadelphia* (at the usual Place) and being a Quorum, as the Charter directs, proceeded and chose *Richard Hill*, Esq; to be their Speaker, who being placed in the Chair, read and subscribed the Qualifications by Law prescribed; and then the Members being called over by the Return of the Sheriffs of each County of this Province, the Members present also subscribed the same, *viz. Edward Jones*, *Thomas Masters*, *Thomas Jones*, *Samuel Cart*, *Jonathan Dickinson*, *David Giffing*, *Isaac Norris*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Joseph Baker*, *William Lewis*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Isaac Taylor*, *Abel Janney*, *John Clark*, *Stoffel Vansand*, *John Hough*, *Thomas Stevenson*, and *Samuel Baker*. 1710. *8th Mo.* 14.

Ordered, That the Speaker forthwith write (by one of the *Chester* Members) to the Sheriff of *Chester*, requiring his Attendance on this House at Nine of the Clock in the Morning the next *Second Day* of the Week, being the sixteenth Instant, with a true Duplicate of his Return of the Members Names, elected to serve in Assembly.

Ordered, That the Speaker write to such Members as are absent, not being sick, that they attend the Service of this House at the same time; which was done and approved.

Ordered, That *Thomas Masters*, and *Nicholas Pile*, repair to the Governor, to acquaint him the House sits, and desires to know when they shall wait on him to present their Speaker.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenson*, *David Giffing*, and *Isaac Taylor*, go to *David Lloyd*, and *Joseph Wilcox*, or either of them, and require the Charter, with all other Papers and Writings of former Assemblies, belonging to this House, so that the same be laid before the House the next *Second Day* Morning, being the sixteenth Instant.

Thomas Masters and *Nicholas Pile* report, that the Governor is not yet come to Town from *Newcastle*; and then the House adjourned to *Second Day* Morning, at Nine a Clock precisely, being the sixteenth Instant. Adjournment.

The House met according to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *8th Mo.* 16.

Edward Farmar, Esq; returned a Member of the House, appeared, and subscribed the Declarations, *&c.* by Law required.

John Hoskins, Esq; Sheriff of *Chester*, pursuant to the Speaker's Order of *Seventh Day* last, produced a Duplicate of the Return of the Members for the said County; and *Ephraim Jackson*, being duly returned, and appearing, subscribed the Declarations, *&c.* by Law required; which Duplicate is to the Satisfaction of the House; and the said Sheriff is dismissed.

David Giffing (and the other Members appointed) acquaints the House, that they went, pursuant to the Order of *Seventh Day* last, to *Joseph Wilcox*, and required the Papers and Writings belonging to the late Assembly, and now to this House. The said *Joseph* made Answer, he had only borrowed the said Papers from the former Speaker, and that it was on-

1710. ly ſafe for him to return them to the ſaid Speaker from whom he had ſo borrowed the ſame;
8th Mo. 16. but however, he ſaid he would deliver the ſaid Papers and Writings to the preſent Speaker's Order.

Ordered, That *David Giffing*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, go to *Joſeph Wilcox*, and demand the Charter, and all other Writings and Papers belonging to this Houſe, and that they bring the ſame forthwith to this Houſe.

David Giffing, and the other Members, ſent by Order of this Houſe, being returned, gave the Houſe to underſtand, they had been with *Joſeph Wilcox*, and demanded the Charter and Papers belonging to this Houſe; to which the ſaid *Joſeph* anſwered, that the ſaid Charter and other Papers were in his Cuſtody, but could not deliver the ſame without an Order in Writing from the Speaker or Clerk of this Houſe; for that the ſame Charter and Papers were only delivered to him, by the Speaker of the former Aſſembly, to finiſh ſome Clerkſhip.

Ordered, That the three laſt mentioned Members go again to *Joſeph Wilcox*, and require him to attend this Houſe, and bring with him the Charter and Papers before mentioned.

The ſaid three Members being returned, acquaint the Houſe, they went to *Joſeph Wilcox*'s Houſe, and were there informed he was gone out of Town.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Nicholas Pile*, attend the Governor, to let him know the Houſe was met, and ready to wait upon him, deſiring to know when he would be ready to receive them.

The ſame Members being returned, report to the Houſe, they had been with the Governor; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, that as ſoon as he could get his Council together, he would expect the Attendance of this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Robert Aſhton*, acquainting this Houſe, That the Governor, with his Council, will be ready to receive this Houſe at Three of the Clock this
Adjournment. Afternoon, at *Joſeph Growdon*'s Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned to Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met according to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Nicholas Pile*, go to the Governor to let him know the Houſe is met, and ready to wait on him.

Thomas Maſters, and *Nicholas Pile*, being returned, acquaint the Houſe, that the Governor is ready to receive this Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Houſe immediately wait upon the Governor, to preſent their Speaker.

The Aſſembly having preſented their Speaker to the Governor, which being approved, the Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, That the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, and had delivered him a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. 'I DON'T doubt but it is obvious to every One's Underſtanding why I could not agree 'with the laſt Aſſembly; but as I take you to have different Sentiments from them in 'the publick Affairs of the Province, and have no Deſigns in View but for the Welfare of 'it, ſo you may promiſe yourſelves my ready Aſſent to all Bills drawn up for that End; and 'as I have often expreſſed my Reſolution of ſettling myſelf amongſt you, you will do me 'but Juſtice to believe I can have no Aims contrary to the Intereſt of the People.

'Thus then, I hope, a Confidence in each other being eſtabliſhed, you will chearfully 'proceed to frame ſuch Laws as may anſwer the End of the People's Choice, and make 'ſuch Proviſion for the Support of Government as conſiſts with the Character this Province 'juſtly bears in all her Majeſty's Dominions.

'I have not to add, but to recommend that Diſpatch to you which the Nature of 'Things will require, leſt, like ſome former Aſſemblies, by long Sitting, you bring the 'Country under ſuch a Debt as perhaps they will not very willingly diſcharge.'

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do prepare an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, and lay the ſame before this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Trunk of Papers, which was in the Cuſtody of *Joſep Wilcox*, was delivered in to the
Adjournment. Houſe by the Door-keeper; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

8th Mo. 17. The Houſe met according to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

In Purſuance of the Order of the Houſe Yeſterday made, *Iſaac Norris*, and the reſt of the Members appointed, laid before this Houſe the Anſwer, by them prepared, to the Governor's Speech, which was read, and ordered to be read again Paragraph by Paragraph; which

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was done, and, after some Amendments, was agreed to, *N. C. D.* and is as follow-eth, viz. 1710. 9th Mo. 17.

To the Honourable *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the said Province, in Assembly met.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Answer to the Governor's Speech.

WE the Representatives of the Province of Pennsylvania, *are duly thankful for thy favourable Speech to us, and the good Assurances thou art pleased to give us of thy ready Assent to such Bills as we shall prepare and offer for the Country's Welfare.*

And we cannot but very particularly express our Satisfaction in thy grateful Resolution to settle amongst us; and that thou art pleased so to engage with us in one common Bottom, as to have no other Aims but the Interest of the People we represent.

We have Reason to hope, and shall always endeavour, for the Establishment of such a mutual Confidence, as shall not only facilitate and shorten the Means, but effectually obtain those Ends; and doubt not, but that when we shall take into Consideration what Bills may be necessary for the Good and Utility of the Province, that of the Support will also fall under our Care.

We take regardful Notice of the Dispatch thou art pleased to recommend to us; and therefore, that we may the more diligently and closely attend the publick Affairs, when we set about them (which, for several Reasons, we cannot so effectually pursue at present) we crave Leave to acquaint the Governor, that we have Inclinations to adjourn to some Time in the Beginning of December, *if that may suit the Governor's Leisure.*

Signed by Order of the House, by

RICHARD HILL, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Thomas Jones*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait upon the Governor with the Address in answer to the Governor's Speech to the Assembly; and that the said Members enquire of the Governor for such Laws as are returned disallowed by the Queen.

The said Members report, they delivered the said Address to the Governor, and that he was pleased to concede to the Time therein proposed by the House for Adjournment; and did acquaint them, that the Laws disallowed by the Queen, were in the Master of the Rolls Hands, where the same might be had by the House.

Ordered, That *Thomas Masters*, *Isaac Norris*, *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Thomas Stevenson*, and *Abel Janney*, or so many of them as can attend, with the Speaker's Assistance, be a Committee, during the Adjournment of this House, to receive such Laws as are returned disapproved of by the Queen; also that the said Committee, or some of them, enquire for, and receive of, *David Lloyd*, *Joseph Wilcox*, or any other Person, all Books, Writings and Papers belonging to this House, and make a Catalogue of the same, to lay before this House at their next Sitting.

Ordered, That Copies of the Governor's Speech, and Address of the Assembly, be left at the Coffee-house for the Publick View.

The House agreed to adjourn to the fourth Day of *December* next, of which Time the Speaker is desired to acquaint the Governor.

Ordered, That the Speaker direct the Mending of the Windows of the Room where the House sits, and provide Fire-wood, against next Sitting.

Ordered, That the Trunk and Papers, belonging to the Assembly, be lodged in the Hands of the Speaker; and then the House adjourned till the fourth Day of *December*, at Two of the Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE House met, according to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 10th Mo. 4. Post Meridiem.

William Trent, and *John Wood*, Members returned to serve in this Assembly, appeared, and took the Qualifications by Law required.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Isaac Taylor*, go to the Governor, and acquaint him the House is met.

Who being returned, acquaint the House, they cannot meet with the Governor.

The Committee appointed by the last Sitting of this House, do report, that they have brought into this House such Papers as they found, by Enquiry, belonging to this House; but a Supply Bill, proposed by a former Assembly, is detained by *David Lloyd*, under Pretence that he is not yet paid for the drawing of the same.

Ordered,

1710. 10*th Mo.* 4. *Ordered*, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Samuel Cart*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *Samuel Baker*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is inclinable to adjourn to the firſt Day of the next Month, if conſiſtent with the Governor's Pleaſure; which laſt Members being returned, informed the Houſe, they met with the Governor; and that he was willing the Houſe ſhould adjourn according to the Time propoſed.

Ordered, That the ſame Perſons as were appointed on the Seventeenth of *October* laſt to receive from *David Lloyd* and others the Writings and Papers belonging to this Houſe, or as many of the ſaid Members as can conveniently attend, be continued a Committee, to demand the ſaid Supply Bill, and all other Papers belonging to this Houſe, and to make Report thereof to the next Sitting of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt Day of *January* next.

Adjournment.

1710-11. 11*th Mo.* 1. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Jeremiah Langhorn, and *William Biles*, made their Appearance, and received their Qualifications as the Law directs.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Samuel Cart*, go to the Governor, and acquaint him there is a full Houſe, and ready to receive his Commands.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported to the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who acquainted them, that he had no other Buſineſs for the Houſe at preſent than what he had already communicated to them.

The Queen's Repeal of certain Laws, made and paſt in this Province, in the Year 1705, to wit, *An Act againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games*; *an Act limiting the Preſentments of the Grand Jury*; *an Act for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government of this Province*; *an Act for the acknowledging and recording of Deeds*; *an Act directing the Qualifications of Magiſtrates and Officers*; *as alſo the Manner of giving Evidence*; *and an Act for the better proportioning the Rates of Money, made upon Contracts, according to the former Regulation*; and alſo the Reaſons for repealing the ſame Laws; together with certain Directions from the Queen in Council to the Proprietary, and Governor in Chief of this Province, concerning the tranſmitting ſuch Laws as ſhall hereafter be made here for her Majeſty's Approbation or Diſallowance, *&c.* were all read.

Richard Heath, being appointed Clerk of the Aſſembly by Affirmation, was engaged to Secrecy, and a true Performance of his Truſt; and by the Conſent of this Houſe is allowed *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, for his Service in Aſſembly, and to be paid for extraordinary Services between each Adjournment and Sitting, and to have the Benefit of all Copies or Tranſcripts to be made out of the Journal, at ſuch Rates as the Houſe ſhall adjudge; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 2. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker reports to the Houſe, that he, with ſome other Members (continued a Committee, to demand the Supply Bill and other Papers belonging to this Houſe) have been ſeveral Times at the Houſe of *David Lloyd*, but he being out of Town, they had not Opportunity of ſpeaking with him.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do go to *David Lloyd*, and demand the Supply Bill, prepared by a former Aſſembly, with any other Bills or Papers which of Right belong to this Houſe.

Divers * Rules propoſed to be obſerved by this Houſe were read, and approved.

A Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, prepared by a former Aſſembly, was read, which being very long, was left to the further Conſideration of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Several Acts paſt in this Province in 1705, ſince repealed by the Queen, together with the Reaſons for repealing the ſame, were diſtinctly read, and ſome Amendments propoſed, *viz.*

An Act againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games;

Ordered, That the ſame be amended, and made, as near as may be, conformable to the Laws of *Great-Britain* in ſuch Caſes.

An Act limiting the Preſentments of the Grand Jury;

Ordered, That the ſame be left to the Conſideration of a Committee for Amendment.

An Act for the farther ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government of this Province;

Ordered, That the ſame be amended according to the Queen's Objection, and until her farther Pleaſure be known.

An Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds;

Ordered, That the ſame be amended according to the Queen's Objection.

An Act directing the Qualifications of all Magiſtrates and Officers; *as alſo the Manner of giving Evidence*;

Ordered,

* Theſe Rules are verbatim the ſame as in the firſt printed Votes, Part II, Page 2. *Anno* 1703.

Ordered, That the same be referred to the Consideration of a Committee for a suitable Amendment. 1710-11.

Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Jeremiah Langborn*, *Edward Farmar*, and *Jonathan Dickinson*, be a Committee to revise and amend the five last mentioned Acts accordingly, and make Report thereof to this House next *Seventh Day* Morning, being the sixth Instant; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *11th Mo.* 2. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 3.

The following Bills, prepared by former Assemblies, intituled, *viz. An Act against Menacing, and Assault, and Battery*; *an Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments*; *a supplementary Act for the more effectual raising Levies in the several Counties of this Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and appropriating the same*; *an Act to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing*; *an Act of Privileges to a Freeman*; *an Act for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province*; *an Act for establishing and regulating a Ferry over* Delaware *River, between the Towns of* New-Bristol *and* Burlington; *and an Act to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather, and working the same into Shoes and Boots*; were read, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock, *Post Meridiem*. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The following Bills, prepared by former Assemblies, intituled, *An Act confirming Patents and Grants, and for Prevention of Law-suits*; and also, *an Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province, be kept without Licence*; and also, *an Act to prevent Disputes which may hereafter arise about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Instruments and Writings*; together with certain Proposals of Amendments to the first mentioned Bill, made by the late Lieutenant Governor, *John Evans*, to a former Assembly, were all read, and ordered to be read a second Time.

The late repealed Law for establishing Courts of Judicature, *&c.* was read, and referred to further Consideration.

Edward Farmar, a Member of this House, had Leave to be absent two Days; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 4.

The present Lieutenant Governor's Ordinance for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read, and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to revise and amend the Bill, intituled, *An Act against riotous Sports, Plays*, and *Games*; with other Bills lately repealed by the Queen, do attend this House at Two a Clock this Afternoon; and that *Nicholas Pile* do acquaint them therewith accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment.

A Scheme prepared by *Robert Ashton*, intituled, *An Act for the better establishing the several Courts of Judicature within this Province of* Pennsylvania, was read, and referred to further Consideration. *Post Meridiem.*

Nicholas Pile (who was ordered to acquaint the Committee appointed to revise and amend certain repealed Laws, that the House expected their Attendance at Two a Clock this Afternoon) reports, that he had acquainted them with the Order of the House in that Behalf; and that they answered, that such of them as are in Town would give their Attendance accordingly.

A Bill for the better repairing and amending the High-ways, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

Part of the Bill (read on the second Instant) prepared by a former Assembly, for establishing Courts, was read by Paragraphs, and debated;

Resolved, That the House will proceed on the further Consideration of the Residue of the said Bill To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadephia*, praying an Act to be past for regulating the Differences that may happen concerning Party Walls, was read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill for that Purpose; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 5.

The House, according to the Resolve of Yesterday, proceeded in the Reading and Debate of the Residue of the Bill for establishing Courts, prepared by a former Assembly; and Part thereof being deliberately read and debated by Paragraphs, the House agreed further to proceed in the Consideration thereof in the Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

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11th Mo. 5. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Reſidue of the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read, and debated by Paragraphs.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

Several Notes made, and Queſtions ariſing upon the ſaid Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts, were drawn up, and left to be further conſidered in a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 6. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that any Perſon in this Province may have Tranſcripts or Copies of all or any the Votes or Reſolves of this Houſe, made out by the Clerk of the Houſe, they paying for the ſame? *It paſt in the Negative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Votes, Reſolves, Orders and Reports of this Houſe, be tranſcribed by the Clerk, ſigned by the Speaker, and publiſhed twice a Week at the Publick Charge? *It paſt in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Iſaac Norris*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired further Time to proceed in the Conſideration thereof.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, on the eighth Inſtant, in the Afternoon, again reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill.

Iſaac Norris reports from the Committee appointed on the ſecond Inſtant to reviſe and amend five of the Laws lately repealed by the Queen, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, but being required to attend this Houſe, had not finiſhed; and therefore deſired farther Time to complete the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon preciſely, on the eighth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 8. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the ſixth Inſtant, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the further Conſideration of the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of Judicature in this Province; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Iſaac Norris*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they have gone through the Notes and Queries upon the ſaid Bill, to them referred, and delivered their Opinion (with divers propoſed Amendments thereupon) in Writing at the Table.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

The Amendments propoſed by the grand Committee to the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, as delivered in by the Chairman of the ſaid Committee, were read, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Members, appointed on the ſecond Inſtant to reviſe and amend five of the Laws lately repealed by the Queen, be continued a Committee for that Purpoſe; and that the ſaid Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, and propoſed Amendments, be referred to the ſaid Committee to be further conſidered of; and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this Houſe on the twelfth Inſtant, at Nine a Clock in the Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 9. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather, and working the ſame into Shoes, Boots and Slippers, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That the Stile of the ſaid Bill be changed.

A Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating *Briſtol* Ferry, was read the ſecond Time, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, was committed.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to the ſaid Bill, to include and regulate *Neſhaminey* Ferry, *Dunks*'s Ferry, and the *Falls* Ferry.

Ordered, That the two laſt mentioned Bills be drawn up accordingly by the Committee appointed to amend the five repealed Laws, and Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act of Privileges to a Freeman*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

A Bill

A Bill to enable religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to purchase and hold Lands and Tenements, *&c.* was read a second Time, and committed. 1710-11. *11th Mo.* 9.

A Bill against Menacing, Assault, and Battery, was read a second Time, and committed.

A Bill for the better repairing and amending the High-ways, was read a second Time: And a Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Bill be committed? *It past in the Negative.*

A Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act for raising County Levies*, was read a second Time, and committed; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 10.

A Bill to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing, was read a second Time, and committed.

A Bill, that no Inn or Publick-house be kept in this Province without Licence, was read a second Time, and committed.

A Bill to prevent Disputes on Dates of Conveyances, *&c.* was read a second Time, and committed; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Bill for regulating the Fees, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 11.

Part of the Bill for regulating and establishing Fees was read, and debated.

Resolved, That this House will go upon the further Consideration of the said Bill this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House, according to Order, proceeded in the further Consideration of the Bill of Fees; which being read the second Time, and debated, was committed.

Resolved, It be an Instruction to the Committee on the said Bill, that they enquire what Fees the several Officers therein named do now take; and where any great Variance appears, report the same to this House.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and the same were brought in accordingly.

A Bill for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* to pursue and execute the Powers granted them by Charter, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 12.

A Motion being made by the Speaker, that a larger Trunk be provided to contain the Writings and Papers belonging to this House.

Ordered, That the Speaker provide such a Trunk to contain the same Writings and Papers; and that the same remain in the House where the Assembly sits;

Which Trunk was provided accordingly.

A Message from the Governor by two Members of Assembly, acquainting this House, that he had some Occasion to go down to *Newcastle* for a few Days; and desired to know if this House had any Thing prepared to lay before him.

Ordered, That *Thomas Masters*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Thomas Jones*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this House has not yet any Thing fully prepared for his Concurrence.

A Motion being made by the Speaker, that inasmuch as the former Order of this House, for publishing the Votes twice a Week, proves too troublesome to be complied withal, without interfering with the other Business of this House;

Ordered, That the Votes of this House be transcribed by the Clerk, signed by the Speaker, and published but once a Week.

The Committee appointed to revise and amend divers of the late repealed Laws, and to consider of certain proposed Amendments to the Bill for establishing Courts, report (according to the Order of the eighth Instant) that they had revised, amended, and drawn up the following Bills, *viz.*

A Bill for the further securing the Administration of the Government; a Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; a Bill for Qualification of Magistrates, *&c.* and a Bill against riotous Sports, *&c.* which they delivered in at the Table; and that they could not apprehend any Service in the Bill limiting the Presentments of the Grand Jury, but submitted the same to be further considered by this House; and that they had made such Amendments to the Bill for establishing Courts, *&c.* as they thought requisite; which was delivered in accordingly.

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1710-11. 11th Mo. 12. The Bill for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for qualifying Magiſtrates, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for acknowledging and recording Deeds, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill to confirm Patents and Grants, and prevent Law-ſuits, was read a ſecond Time, with divers Amendments thereto propoſed to a former Aſſembly from the Council-board; which Bill, with the ſaid Amendments, being put to the Vote? *It paſt in the Negative.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide for the preſent.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

A Bill to enable the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* to execute the Powers granted them by Charter, was read a ſecond Time, and debated; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill, with ſome propoſed Amendments, be committed? *It paſt in the Negative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of *Thomas Fairman*, preſented to this Houſe, praying Redreſs in relation to a Road laid out through his improved Land to accommodate Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, was read, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That it is the unanimous Opinion of this Houſe, that the Buſineſs relating to a Road ſet forth in the ſaid Petition, is properly cognizable in the Courts of Judicature, as the Laws of this Province in ſuch Caſe direct; and that *David Giffing* acquaint the ſaid *Thomas Fairman* therewith.

Caleb Puſey, and the other Members appointed to require the Supply Bill prepared by a former Aſſembly, and any other Papers belonging to this Houſe, of *David Lloyd*, report, that they have been with him, and that he has delivered them the ſaid Bill; but that he knew not where the Remonſtrance (ſent to *England* in the Name of the Aſſembly of this Province, in the Year *One Thouſand Seven Hundred* and *Four*, and ſigned by him the ſaid *David Lloyd*, as Speaker of the ſame) was, for that it had been lent to ſome Perſons who deſired Copies thereof.

The Bill for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government, was read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Amendment made thereto by the Houſe, was committed.

A Bill prepared by a former Aſſembly of this Province, for raiſing a Supply of *Two Pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per Head*, and for levying the Arrears of former Taxes, and taking the Accounts thereof; as alſo for laying an Impoſt upon *Negroes* imported into this Province, was read, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will go upon the further conſideration of the moſt proper Ways and Means for the raiſing a ſuitable Supply for the Support of this Government, and the Exigencies thereof, ſome Time next Week; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock on the next *Second Day* in the Afternoon, being the fifteenth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 15. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, complaining of extraordinary Charges of Ferriage at the Lower Ferry over the River *Schuylkill*, and of the Ferry-man's extorting more than his due for the ſingle Paſſage of a Man and Horſe, through the Fraction happening in Exchange of Money, and praying Relief in the Premiſes, was read, and ordered to lie upon the Table to be further conſidered; and that *Benjamin Chambers*, Keeper of the ſaid Ferry, attend this Houſe on the Twenty-ſecond Inſtant, whereof *John Wood* is appointed to acquaint him.

Adjournment. A Bill for Qualification of Magiſtrates, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11th Mo. 16. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Adjournment. A Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Part of the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, with the Amendments made by the Committee to the ſame, was read by Paragraphs, and debated.

Adjournment. *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will proceed upon the Conſideration of the Reſidue of the ſaid Bill To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 1710-11.

The House, according to the Resolve of Yesterday, proceeded in the further Reading and Debate of the Bill for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province, with the Amendments made by the Committee thereto, and agreed further to proceed thereon in the Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. *11th Mo.* 17.

Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House proceeded in the further Reading and Debate of the Bill for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province, with the Amendments made by the Committee thereto, and agreed to proceed in the Reading and Debate of the Residue thereof To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That the Clerk bring the several Statutes of *England*, recited in the said Bill, to the House To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 18.

The Clerk, according to Order, brought to the House the Statutes recited in the Bill for establishing Courts, which were read.

The House then proceeded further in the Reading and Debate of the Residue of the Bill for the establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province, with the Amendments proposed by the Committee thereto, and finished the same; and some Amendments were made to the same by the House, and the Question being put, that the said Bill, as amended, do pass? *It was carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the said Bill and Amendments be ingrossed; and that *Caleb Pusey*, *William Trent*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do present the same to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Thomas Stevenson had Leave to be absent till next *Second Day*.

The House having received Tables of Fees from several Officers nominated in the Bill of Fees (as now taken by the Officers) and thereupon the House thought fit to go immediately upon the Consideration of the said Bill of Fees (and that the same should not be committed according to the Order of the tenth Instant) and accordingly Part of the said Bill was read, debated, and amended.

Resolved, That this House will proceed in the further Reading and Consideration of the said Bill To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 19.

The House, according to Order, proceeded in the further Reading and Consideration of the Bill of Fees; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House proceeded further in the Reading and Debate of the Residue of the Bill for regulating Fees, and finished the same; and several Amendments were made thereto by the House, and the Question being put, that the said Bill, as amended, do pass? *It was carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the said Bill and Amendments be ingrossed; and that *Caleb Pusey*, *William Trent*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do present the same to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

A Petition of many of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, was presented to the House, and read, complaining of the great Hardship this Province labours under by the late Alteration of Money (our neighbouring Provinces not yet complying with the Queen's Proclamation, and the late Act of Parliament for Regulation of the same) by Means whereof, our Cash is greatly exhausted, and our Trade decay'd, and praying Relief in the Premises; and the Question being put, that the same be represented to the Queen by an humble Address from this House? *It past in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

And a Motion being made, and the Question put, that Leave be given to the said Petitioners to bring in a Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Silver and Gold out of this Government? *It past in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.* And then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 20.

This House, according to a Resolve of the thirteenth Instant, taking into serious Consideration the great Advantages (which through the good Favour of Providence) the Inhabitants of this Province enjoy under the present Establishment, are unanimously of Opinion, that the People ought, on their Parts, chearfully to support the same; and thereupon the

1710-11. 11*th Mo.* 20. House resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the most proper Ways and Means for raising a suitable Supply for Support of the Administration of this Government, and defraying the necessary publick Charges and Exigencies thereof; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Isaac Norris* reports, that they had made some Progress in the Matter to them referred, and find it necessary a Sum be raised for the Uses aforesaid, and are of Opinion the best Method will be by a Tax of Poundage and Poll-money; but that in order thereto, it might be proper a Committee be appointed for inspecting the Publick Accounts of this Province; and also that some Members have it in Charge, to enquire in the respective Counties what their Assessments at *One Penny per Pound* amounts to, and report the same to this House.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *Isaac Taylor*, be a Committee of Accounts; that they call for the publick Accounts from the Treasurer, and report the same to this House; and that they take all proper Measures to acquaint themselves, and call for all publick Debts and Demands upon the Province, and report the same to this House on the Twenty-fourth Instant, being *Fourth Day* Morning.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Ephraim Jackson*, make Enquiry for the Assessment of *Chester* County, and report the same to this House on the Twenty-second Instant.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, make the like Enquiry in *Bucks* County, and report the same Day.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Isaac Norris*, do make the same Enquiry for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and report the same Day.

Resolved, That this House will go upon the further Consideration of raising a Supply for Support of Government, and defraying the necessary publick Charges and Exigencies thereof, some Time next Week; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock next *Second Day*, being the Twenty-second Instant, P. M.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 22. *Post Meridiem.* The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That Notice be posted at the Coffee-house and Court-house, that all Persons who claim any Debts from this Province, do forthwith bring in their Accounts thereof to *Jonathan Dickinson*, in *Philadelphia*, who is appointed by this House to receive the same.

Benjamin Chambers, according to Order of the Fifteenth Instant, attended this House, to answer a certain Complaint exhibited to this House (by Petition) against him, in relation to his Ferry; and being admitted into the House made answer thereunto, and presented a Petition to the House, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for establishing his said Ferry for a Term of Years, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table for further Consideration.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

The Members appointed on the Twentieth Instant to enquire what the Assessments of each County amounts to at *One Penny per Pound*, report, that they have done accordingly, and brought Accounts of the same.

Ordered, That the said Accounts be laid before the Committee of Accounts; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 23. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Consideration of the Petition of *Benjamin Chambers*, relating to his Ferry, was again resumed, and the Question being put, that the said Ferry be confirmed to the said *Benjamin* for fourteen Years, under certain Restrictions proposed? *It past in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and that *Isaac Norris*, *John Wood*, and *Abel Janney*, do prepare and bring in the said Bill; and that the said Members be a Committee to amend the Bill for establishing *Bristol* Ferry; and that it be an Instruction to the said Committee to insert the Rates of Ferriage as agreed to by this House; and that the Title of the said Bill be, *An Act for establishing and regulating of Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neshaminey *Creek.*

A Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act for the more effectual raising of Levies in the several Counties of this Province, and the City of* Philadelphia, *and for appropriating the same*, was read the third Time; and the Question being put, that the said Bill do pass? *It was carried in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *Caleb Pusey*, *Thomas Masters*, and *Edward Jones*, be a Committee to amend the Bill, intituled, *An Act against riotous Sports, Plays and Games*; and also the Bill directing the Qualifications of Magistrates, and Manner of giving Evidence; and report the same to this House To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, *Joseph Baker*, and *Ephraim Jackson*, be a Committee to amend the Bill against Menacing, and Assault and Battery; and also the Bill to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing.

Ordered, That *William Trent*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, be a Committee to amend the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenson*, *John Clark*, and *John Hough*, be a Committee to amend the Bill for the further securing the Administration of the Government. 1710-11.

Ordered, That *Thomas Jones*, and *David Giffing*, be a Committee to amend the Bill for preventing the Sale of ill tanned Leather, and working the same into Shoes and Boots; and also the Bill of Privileges to a Freeman. *11th Mo.* 23

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Samuel Baker*, be a Committee to amend the Bill for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; and also the Bill to prevent Disputes on the Dates of Conveyances, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Cart*, and *William Lewis*, be a Committee to amend the Bill, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province, be kept without Licence*; and also, the Bill for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments.

Ordered, That all Committees make Report of their Proceedings to the House To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 24.

Caleb Pusey reports from the Committee to whom the Bill against riotous Sports, Plays and Games, was committed, the Amendments made to the said Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and the same being again read, were agreed to by the House; and the said Member also reported, that they had not finished the Bill (to them committed) directing the Qualification of Magistrates, *&c.* but desired him to move for further Time to finish the same.

Ephraim Jackson reports from the Committee to whom the Bill against Menacing, and Assault and Battery; and the Bill to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing, were committed, the Amendments made by them to the said Bills, which he read, and delivered in at the Table.

The Bill against riotous Sports, Plays and Games, as amended, was read the third Time;

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The Bill against Menacing, and Assault and Battery, was read a third Time, and the Question being put, that the said Bill do pass? *It was carried in the Negative.*

A Bill to oblige Witnesses to give Evidence, and to prevent false Swearing, was read a third Time, and the Question being put, that the said Bill do pass? *It was carried in the Negative*; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

William Trent reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds was committed, the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were agreed to by the House.

John Clark reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for further securing the Administration of the Government was committed, the Amendments made by the said Committee to the said Bill, which were read, and delivered in at the Table, and the same were agreed to by this House.

Thomas Jones reports from the Committee to whom the Bill of Privileges to a Freeman, and also the Bill to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather, and working the same into Shoes and Boots were committed, that they had made some Amendments to the said Bill, which were read, and delivered in at the Table.

Edward Farmar reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; and also the Bill to prevent Disputes which may hereafter arise about the Dates of Conveyances, *&c.* were committed, that they had made some Amendments to the said Bills, which were read, and delivered in at the Table.

William Lewis reports from the Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*; and also the Bill for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments, were committed, that they had made some Amendments to the said Bills, which were read, and delivered in at the Table.

Isaac Norris reports from the Committee to whom the Bill for establishing and regulating of Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neshaminey* Creek was committed, that they had not yet finished the same, and desired further Time.

Jonathan Dickinson reports from the Committee appointed to inspect and revise all Accounts of the Debts of the Province, that they had not yet fully calculated and adjusted the same, and desired further Time.

The Bill to prevent the Sale of ill tanned Leather, *&c.* was read a third Time, and the Question being put, that the said Bill do pass? *It was carried in the Negative.*

The Bill for the further securing the Administration of this Government, was read a third Time;

Resolved,

1710-11. *Reſolved, N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

11*th Mo.* 24. The Bill impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold and diſpoſe of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, was read a third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, was read a third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, was read a third Time;

Reſolved, N. C. D. That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

A Bill to prevent Diſputes on Dates of Conveyances, and other Inſtruments and Writings, was read the third Time;

Reſolved, N. C. D. That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province, was read the third Time;

Adjournment. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill do paſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11*th Mo.* 25. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Bill for ſettling Bounds of Lands, according to the Line of marked Trees, to be every four Years reviewed by View of the Neighbourhood, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed the Twenty-third Inſtant to prepare a Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry, on the River *Schuylkill*, brought in the ſaid Bill, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Edward Farmar*, *Thomas Maſters*, and *Jeremiah Langhorn*, do preſent theſe ſix ingroſſed Bills following to the Governor, for his Concurrence, *viz.*

An Act to prevent Diſputes on Dates of Conveyances, and other Inſtruments and Writings; an Act of Privileges to a Freeman; an Act for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; an Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and diſpoſe of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; an Act for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of this Government; and an Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence: Alſo, that they enquire if the Governor has any Thing at preſent to lay before this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of the Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, Commonalty, and divers others the Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to impower the ſaid Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, and Commonalty, to make neceſſary Rules and Ordinances for the Suppreſſing Vice and Diſorders in the ſaid City; and to enable them to raiſe Money on the Eſtates and Inhabitants of the ſame for building a Watch-houſe and Cage, erecting a Work-houſe, mending the Streets, and making and repairing Wharffs and Bridges, *&c.* was read.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and that *Iſaac Norris* acquaint the Mayor thereof.

Caleb Puſey, and the other Members, appointed this Morning to preſent the ſix ingroſſed Bills to the Governor, report, that they had delivered the ſame; and that the Governor ſignified he had nothing at preſent to lay before this Houſe.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

Jonathan Dickinſon, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that they had not made ſuch Progreſs in the Buſineſs to them referred as to lay an exact Scheme of the Debts of the Province before this Houſe; but that they had received the Publick Treaſurer's Account, who is in Diſburſe *Thirty-ſix Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence*; and that by the ſame it did appear, great Part of the Money raiſed in the Year 1706, in order to diſcharge the Debts of this Province, had been otherwiſe employ'd for the immediate Service (ſo called) of ſucceeding Aſſemblies; ſo that it ſtill requires *Four Hundred* and *Sixty-one Pounds*, *Two Shillings*, and *Two-pence*, old Currency, to make good the Ballance due to the Treaſurer, and what remains due on thoſe former Debts, and Orders of Payment. Beſides, that *David Lloyd*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, as alſo ſeveral Officers of the Government, have further Demands on the Publick Stock, when Money ſhall be raiſed; and that they are informed divers Perſons had advanced Money, at the Governor's Requeſt, for *Indian* Preſents and Treaties made, which were not all yet brought in. The Whole, they conjecture, will amount to at leaſt *Five Hundred Pounds*, preſent Currency, that the Province is now in Arrear.

The Houſe, conſidering the Country's Circumſtances, and great Scarcity of Money, are of Opinion, that to lay a Tax to diſcharge the whole Debts of this Province at this Time,

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and raiſe a ſuitable Supply for the Support of Government, will fix too great a Burden at once upon the People, and is a Hardſhip on this Houſe to make Proviſion for ſo many Years Arrearages. 1710-11. 11th Mo. 25.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That this Houſe will appropriate *Five Hundred Pounds* to be paid to the Lieutenant Governor, for the Support of the Lieutenancy in the Adminſtration of this Government; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 26.

The Bill eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River *Schuylkill*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, amended, and with the ſaid Amendments committed to *John Wood*; and the other Members, ordered to bring in the ſaid Bill; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to add ſeven Years more, and make the Bill for Twenty-one Years.

A Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Silver and Gold out of this Government, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Samuel Preſton, and Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, by the Governor's Order, returned the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, ſent from this Houſe for the Governor's Concurrence, with Amendments propoſed thereto at the Council-board, which they delivered in Writing; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, and *Thomas Maſters*, do preſent the ingroſſed Bill for the acknowledging and recording of Deeds; and the Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games, to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Iſaac Norris reports from the Committee appointed to amend the Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating of Ferries over *Delaware* River, and *Neſhaminey* Creek, that they had accordingly amended the ſaid Bill, which, with the ſaid Amendments, he delivered in at the Table; and then the ſaid Bill as amended was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *John Wood*, do preſent the ſaid Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence.

A Bill further to encourage the Killing of Wolves, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 27.

Caleb Puſey, and *Thomas Maſters*, report, that they had, according to Order, delivered to the Governor the Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games; and the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds.

Caleb Puſey, from the Committee to whom the Bill directing the Qualification of Magiſtrates, and Manner of giving Evidence, was committed, reports the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, which were agreed to, and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, was read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the Title of the ſaid Bill be changed, and intituled, *An Act directing an Affirmation to ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath?* It paſt in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill, as laſt amended, do paſs.

Iſaac Norris, and *John Wood*, report, that they had delivered to the Governor the Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock next *Second Day*, being the Twenty-ninth Inſtant. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 29. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Petition of *Edward Shippen*, and *Nathan Stanbury* (Executors of *John Saunders*, deceaſed) was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to make a Title to a Brick Houſe ſold, but not conveyed by the ſaid Decedent in his Life; and to ſell the real Eſtate of the ſaid Decedent for Payment of his Debts, and Maintenance of his Children.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie upon the Table, and that *William Trent*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Edward Farmar*, be a Committee to enquire of the Matter ſet forth in the ſame; and that they ſend for the Petitioners, and other Parties concerned, and make report to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 30.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry, on the River *Schuylkill*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

1710-11. 11th Mo. 24. *Reſolved, N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

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Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and that *Iſaac Norris* acquaint the Mayor thereof.

Caleb Puſey, and the other Members, appointed this Morning to preſent the ſix ingroſſed Bills to the Governor, report, that they had delivered the ſame; and that the Governor ſignified he had nothing at preſent to lay before this Houſe.

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Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That this Houſe will appropriate *Five Hundred Pounds* to be paid to the Lieutenant Governor, for the Support of the Lieutenancy in the Adminſtration of this Government; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared: *Poſt Meridiem.*

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Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *John Wood*, do preſent the ſaid Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence.

A Bill further to encourage the Killing of Wolves, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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Caleb Puſey, from the Committee to whom the Bill directing the Qualification of Magiſtrates, and Manner of giving Evidence, was committed, reports the Amendments made to the ſaid Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, which were agreed to, and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, was read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the Title of the ſaid Bill be changed, and intituled, *An Act directing an Affirmation to ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath?* It paſt in the Affirmative.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill, as laſt amended, do paſs.

Iſaac Norris, and *John Wood*, report, that they had delivered to the Governor the Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock next *Second Day*, being the Twenty-ninth Inſtant. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 29. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Petition of *Edward Shippen*, and *Nathan Stanbury* (Executors of *John Saunders*, deceaſed) was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to make a Title to a Brick Houſe ſold, but not conveyed by the ſaid Decedent in his Life; and to ſell the real Eſtate of the ſaid Decedent for Payment of his Debts, and Maintenance of his Children.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie upon the Table, and that *William Trent*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Edward Farmar*, be a Committee to enquire of the Matter ſet forth in the ſame; and that they ſend for the Petitioners, and other Parties concerned, and make report to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 30.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry, on the River *Schuylkill*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

1710-11. 11*th Mo.* 30. The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Ways and Means for raiſing a Supply for Support of Government, and the Exigencies thereof,

Reſolved, N. C. D. That a Tax of *Two-pence per Pound* be raiſed on Eſtates of all Freeholders within this Province for the ſaid Uſes.

Reſolved, That for the Uſes aforeſaid, *Eight Shillings per* Head be laid on all ſingle Freemen reſiding in this Province, whoſe Eſtates are not rated at *Fifty Pounds* or upwards, and the ſame on hired Men Servants; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Samuel Preſton, and Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, by the Governor's Order, returned the Nine following Bills (ſent by this Houſe to the Governor for his Concurrence) *viz.*

The Bill for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of this Government; the Bill to prevent Diſputes which may ariſe about the Dates of Conveyances, *&c.* the Bill for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; the Bill of Privileges to a Freeman; the Bill that no Publick-houſe or Inn be kept in this Province without Licence; the Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games; the Bill for eſtabliſhing Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek; the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees; together with ſeveral Amendments propoſed at the Council-board to the ſaid Bills, which were delivered in Writing at the Table.

William Trent, from the Committee appointed to enquire of the Matter ſet forth in the Petition of *Edward Shippen*, and *Nathan Stanbury*, preſented to the Houſe Yeſterday, report, that it does not appear to them that the ſaid *Edward* and *Nathan* have yet acted as Executors of the Teſtament of *John Saunders*, deceaſed, named in the ſaid Petition, as the ſaid Petition ſets forth; and that the Perſon who is ſaid to purchaſe the Brick Tenement of the ſaid *Saunders*, is gone to Sea.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide for the preſent; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 31. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for raiſing a Supply of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, and for levying the Arrears of former Taxes, and taking the Accounts thereof; as alſo laying an Impoſt of *Forty Shillings per* Head upon *Negroes* imported into this Province (prepared by a former Aſſembly) was read the ſecond Time, debated, and, with divers propoſed Amendments, was committed.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Caleb Puſey*, *William Trent*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, be a Committee to amend the ſaid Bill accordingly; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to leave out the Impoſt on *Negroes*, mentioned in the ſaid Bill.

The Houſe conſidering that the Tax of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, will not be ſufficient to pay the Debts and Arrearages of the Province, and ſupport the Adminiſtration of this Government, for the more effectual Diſcharge thereof came to theſe following Reſolves, *viz.*

Reſolved, That an Impoſt of *Forty Shillings per* Head be laid on all *Negroes* imported into this Province.

Reſolved, That *Four-pence per* Gallon be laid on Rum and Wines imported into this Province, and not immediately from the Place of Produce, except ſuch from *Weſt-Jerſey*, or the Three Lower Counties, being immediately imported there from the Place of Growth.

Reſolved, That *Three Shillings per* Barrel be laid on Cyder imported, and not of the Growth of the Places aforeſaid.

Reſolved, That an Impoſt of *Nine-pence per* Ton be laid on all Veſſels that enter the Ports of this Province, except owned by the Inhabitants of this Province, the Lower Counties, and *Weſt-Jerſey*, and except ſuch as are built in any of the aforeſaid Places, on their firſt Outſet; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill further to encourage the Killing of Wolves, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

The Bill to improve a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Silver and Gold out of this Government, was read the ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

A Bill the better to oblige Perſons ſummoned to ſerve on the Juries or Inqueſts at the reſpective Courts of this Province to give their Attendance, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill againſt the felonious Stealing of Goods and Chattles to the Value of *Five Shillings*, or above, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill

A Bill for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* to raiſe Money on the Inhabitants of the ſaid City for the publick Uſe and Benefit thereof, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1710-11. 11*th Mo.* 31. Adjourn ment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 12*th Mo.* 1.

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of divers Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill of Courts, and ſundry other Bills ſent from this Houſe for his Concurrence, and agreed further to proceed therein this Afternoon.

Reſolved, That *Samuel Carpenter* be continued and nominated Publick Treaſurer of this Province in the Supply Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill of Courts, and ſundry other Bills ſent from this Houſe for his Concurrence; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, came to an Agreement on the ſeveral Heads, which was drawn up in Writing, in anſwer to the ſame, to be laid before the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 12*th Mo.* 2.

The Bill for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to amend the ſaid Bill, and that it be an Inſtruction to them to add a Clauſe to the ſaid Bill to limit the Continuance thereof for three Years from the Time of Publication.

The Bill againſt the felonious Stealing of Goods and Chattels to the Value of *Five Shillings* and upwards, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

A Bill for regulating Party Walls and Buildings, in *Philadelphia*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Iſaac Norris, from the Committee to whom the Supply Bill, prepared by a former Aſſembly, was referred, reports, That the Frame of the ſaid Bill, depending on Commiſſioners, appointed by the ſame, appeared very intricate and chargeable, which Commiſſioners, as they conceived, are not eſſentially neceſſary in the Bill, if the Houſe reſolves to appropriate the Money raiſed by the ſame.

Reſolved, That it is the unanimous Opinion of this Houſe, that all the Money intended to be raiſed by the Supply Bill ſhall be appropriated to the ſeveral Uſes by the ſame Bill.

A former Law of this Province, made in the Year 1705, for raiſing a Tax of Poundage, and Poll-money, *&c.* was read; as alſo the Supply Bill, prepared by a former Aſſembly, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be re-committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and the other Members named, be a Committee to prepare a Supply Bill for the Levying a Tax of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, according to the former Methods uſed in this Province, to lay the ſame before this Houſe next *Second Day*, being the Fifth Inſtant.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Thomas Jones*, and *William Lewis*, do preſent to the Governor the Bill directing an Affirmation to ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath; and the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River *Schuylkill*, for his Concurrence; as alſo the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province; the Bill for ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government; the Bill for eſtabliſhing Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek; and the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, with the Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine aClock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 12*th Mo.* 3.

The Bill for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read the third Time; and after ſome Amendments made thereto,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for regulating Party Walls and Buildings in *Philadelphia*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Samuel Cart*, prepare a Bill, impowering the Governor and Council to haſten and compel the Collection of all Arrearages of former Taxes, and that the ſame be paid into the Publick Treaſurer, towards the Diſcharge of the Debts of this Province; and that the Laws for raiſing the ſaid Taxes be re-inforced by the ſaid Bill, and the Fines and Forfeitures impoſed on the Delinquents as the ſame Laws direct.

Ordered,

1710-11. *Ordered*, That *Thomas Jones*, and *John Wood* (with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance) prepare a Bill for laying an Impoſt on theſe following Commodities (under the Exceptions expreſſed in the Votes of the Thirty-firſt of the *Eleventh Month* laſt) *viz. Forty Shillings per* Head on *Negroes* imported; alſo *Three Shillings per* Barrel on Cyder, and *Four-pence per* Gallon on Rum and Wines; and alſo *Nine-pence per* Ton on Veſſels not owned by the Inhabitants of this River *Delaware*.

12th Mo. 3. *Reſolved*, That *Samuel Holt* be nominated in the ſaid Bill to be Collector of the ſaid Impoſts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock next *Second Day*, being the Fifth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 5. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Thomas Jones*, and *John Wood*, preſent the ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, as laſt amended by this Houſe; and the Bill for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 6. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, with the Amendments propoſed thereto by the Governor in Council.

Samuel Carpenter, and Capt. *Samuel Finney* (Members of Council) by the Governor's Order, returned the following Bills, ſent from this Houſe for his Concurrence, *viz.*

The Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province; the Bill for the farther ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government; the Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek; the Bill directing an Affirmation to ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath; and the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; with Propoſals of a Conference on divers Amendments propoſed thereto at the Council-board, which was delivered in Writing at the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded in the farther Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, with the Propoſals of Amendments made thereto at the Council-board, and ſent to this Houſe by the Governor's Order, and made ſome Progreſs therein.

Adjournment. *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will go upon the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill and Amendments To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 7. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, with the Amendments propoſed thereto by the Governor in Council, and made ſome Progreſs therein; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, and the Amendments propoſed thereto by the Governor in Council, ſent to this Houſe, and went through the ſame, and came to an Agreement thereupon.

Thomas Maſters, from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill, impowering the Governor and Council to haſten and compel the Collection of all Arrearages of former Taxes, and that the ſame be paid in to the Publick Treaſurer, towards the diſcharging of the Debts of this Province, reports, that they had prepared the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, which ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 8. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's laſt Amendments propoſed to the Bill of Courts, and other Bills returned to this Houſe the ſixth Inſtant, by which he propoſed a Conference, and came to an Agreement upon the ſeveral Heads, in order thereto.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Edward Farmar*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe has conſidered of his Propoſals of a Conference upon ſome of the Amendments propoſed to the Bill of Courts, and ſome other Bills, and are ready to attend the ſame this Morning, if the Governor thinks fit.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who acquainted them, that he will appoint the Council, and attend the Conference To-morrow Morning about Nine a Clock.

Thomas Jones, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Impoſt Bill, reports, that they

they had prepared the ſame, which he delivered at the Table, and the ſaid Bill was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. 1710-11.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 8.

The Bill impowering the Governor and Council to haſten and compel the Collection of all Arrears of former Taxes, and that the ſame be paid in to the Publick Treaſurer, towards the Diſcharging of the Debts of this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and, after ſome Amendments propoſed thereto, was committed. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorn* and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, be a Committee to amend the ſaid Bill accordingly; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee to alter the Method thereof, and to impower certain Commiſſioners in the reſpective Counties in Lieu of the Governor and Council, and oblige them to put the ſame in Practice, and change the Title of the Bill accordingly.

Caleb Puſey, from the Committee appointed to prepare the Supply Bill for levying *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, reports, that they had prepared the ſame, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 9.

The Houſe further conſidered of the Subject Matter to be debated in the Conference (to be held this Morning by Appointment) with the Governor in Council, and directed Managers to ſpeak particularly to the ſeveral Heads thereof, not prohibiting any other Members from ſpeaking their Sentiments, it being propoſed as a free Conference.

Griffith Owen, and Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor acquainted the Speaker, that the Governor was ready, at *Robert Aſheton*'s, to receive this Houſe on the Conference.

And then the Houſe adjourned for two Hours to attend the ſaid Conference; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein, returned to the Houſe; the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that he, with the whole Houſe, had attended the Governor in Council on a free Conference, where the ſeveral Heads, propoſed for the Subject Matter thereof, were diſtinctly debated, the Particulars whereof he was ready to lay before this Houſe when required.

The Supply Bill, for raiſing *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, was read a ſecond Time, and debated; and, after ſome Amendments propoſed thereto, was committed to the ſame Members that prepared the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 10.

Samuel Preſton, and Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, brought a written Meſſage from the Governor to this Houſe, relating to the Subject Matter of the Conference Yeſterday, with the Governor's Sentiments upon the ſeveral Heads thereof, which they delivered to the Speaker at the Table, and the ſame was read.

The Impoſt Bill was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till the next *Second Day*, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon, being the Twelfth Inſtant. Adjournment.

According to Adjournment ſeveral Members met at the Houſe, and being but ſixteen in Number, a Meſſenger was forthwith diſpatched to acquaint *William Trent* therewith, and deſire his immediate Attendance, and that the other Members would wait his coming; who came with Expedition, and then the Number of Members being but Seventeen, went to *Thomas Maſters*'s Houſe (who being indiſpoſed, could not venture Abroad) and made up a Quorum; the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning at the uſual Place. *12th Mo.* 12. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 13.

Iſaac Norris, from the Committee to whom the Bill for raiſing a Supply of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head, was committed, reports the Amendments made by the ſaid Committee to the ſame Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered at the Table, where the ſaid Bill as amended was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill as amended do paſs? *It was carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of ſeveral Heads debated at the Conference with the Governor in Council concerning the Bill of Courts, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, agreed upon ſeveral Amendments to be made to the ſaid Bill, which were drawn up in Writing.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Ephraim Jackſon*, and *John Wood*, do preſent the Bill of Courts, with the laſt Amendments made thereto, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

1710-11. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

12th Mo. 14. The Bill for ſettling Bounds of Lands, according to the Line of marked Trees, to be every four Years reviewed by the View of the Neighbourhood, was read a ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

The Bill for regulating Party Walls and Buildings in *Philadelphia*, was read the third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia* to raiſe Money on the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for the publick Uſe and Benefit thereof, was read the ſecond Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *It was carried in the Negative.*

Jaſper Yeats, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, brought from the Governor, in Council, certain Propoſals of Amendments (in Writing) to the Bill for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, which they delivered to the Speaker at the Table, where the ſame were read, and agreed to by the Houſe;

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey* preſent the ſame, and the Bill for Regulation of Party Walls and Buildings in *Philadelphia*, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

A Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Gold and Silver out of this Province, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill impowering Commiſſioners to compel the Collection of all Arrears of former Taxes, was read the third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Impoſt Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes*, Wine, Brandy, Rum, and other Spirits, Cyder and Veſſels, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Duty of Tonnage on Veſſels be left out of the ſaid Bill, and the Title changed accordingly;

Adjournment. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill as laſt amended do paſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Gold and Silver out of this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Iſaac Norris*, *William Trent*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, accompany the Speaker, to preſent the following Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence, *viz.*

The Impoſt on *Negroes*, Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, and Cyder; the Bill impowering Commiſſioners to compel the collecting of all Arrearages of former Taxes; and the Bill for raiſing a Supply of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker reports, that he, with the other Members appointed, waited upon the Governor, and delivered the three Bills, according to the Order of this Morning.

A Petition of *Francis Rawle* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, complaining of an unjuſt Judgment of *John Gueſt*, whereby he is a great Sufferer; as alſo by the Denial of Juſtice, in an Action againſt the ſaid Judge, by ſome then in Authority, and the arbitrary Will of the Bench, as he alledges, to his Damage of *Five Hundred Pounds*, and praying Redreſs therein;

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition lie upon the Table for further Conſideration.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, do wait upon the Governor, and requeſt him to diſpatch the Bills which have lain ſome Time before him.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who acquainted them that he would expedite the ſaid Bills, with his Sentiments thereon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 16. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Gold and Silver out of this Province, was read the third Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſt in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Caleb Puſey*, carry the ſaid Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence; and preſent the Bill of Courts, the Bill for recording of Deeds, the Bill directing an Affirmation, and the Bill of Fees, as laſt amended, for his Inſpection; and requeſt the Governor's Diſpatch of the Bills before him, for that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the Bills be ingroſſed.

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The Speaker reports to the Houſe, that two Members of Council, laſt Night, after the Adjournment, delivered him the Bill for impowering religious Societies, *&c.* to diſpoſe of Lands, *&c.* the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River *Schuylkill*; the Bill for regulating Party Walls and Buildings in *Philadelphia*; the Bill for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*; and the Bill that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence; together with the Governor's Sentiments thereon in Writing, which the Speaker delivered in at the Table. 1710-11. 12th Mo. 16.

Nicholas Pile reports, that he and *Caleb Puſey* had delivered the five Bills to the Governor, according to Order; and likewiſe requeſted the Governor's Diſpatch of the Bills before him, for that the Houſe inclines to adjourn for ſome Time, till the Bills be ingroſſed: Whereupon the Governor acquainted them, he would take their Meſſage into Conſideration.

Ordered, That the Speaker, *Caleb Puſey*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, when the Houſe riſes, do wait upon the Governor with the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry over *Schuylkill*, and the Bill for enabling religious Societies to purchaſe Lands, with the Governor's Objections thereto, requeſting his farther Conſideration thereupon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Speaker reports, that according to the Order of this Morning, he and the other Members delivered the two Bills to the Governor, with his Objections thereto; and that the Governor would conſider thereof.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts lay the State of the Provincial Accounts before this Houſe immediately.

Jonathan Dickinſon, from the Committee of Accounts, reports the Publick Treaſurer's Account, which was read, by which it appears there remains *Seventy-eight Pounds*, *Nine Shillings*, and *Four-pence Farthing*, old Currency, of that Moiety of the Impoſt and Exciſe, by Law made payable to the Lieutenant Governor; and that to ballance the ſaid Provincial Accounts, there remains now due to the Treaſurer *Thirty-ſix Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence*, old Currency; which Account was allowed by the Houſe, and the Clerk ordered to certify the ſame at the Foot thereof accordingly.

Samuel Carpenter, a Member of Council, brought from the Governor, in Council, the Bill impowering religious Societies, *&c.* to buy, hold and diſpoſe of Lands, *&c.* and the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River *Schuylkill*; together with the Governor's Objections to the ſaid Bills, which he delivered to the Speaker at the Table.

An Account of *David Lloyd*'s was read, amounting to *Fourteen Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, ſigned by *Joſeph Wilcox*, and ſaid to be allowed by the Aſſembly the Twenty-ninth of *September*, 1709, which not appearing on the Journal of the Houſe, and ſeveral Articles of the ſaid Account being for Agencies and other Matters, ſeeming more to concern particular Perſons than the Publick, and will want a farther Explanation; therefore the ſaid Account is diſallowed.

The Arrearages of publick Debts, and ſeveral Orders of Payment, made by the Aſſembly in 1705-6, amounting to *Four Hundred* and *Twenty-four Pounds*, *Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, old Currency, as appears by the Treaſurer's Account, were read, and allowed by this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 12th Mo. 17.

The Governor's Propoſals to the Supply Bill were read, and conſidered, to which the Houſe could not agree; and ordered *Edward Farmar* and *Thomas Stevenſon* to preſent the ſaid Bill to the Governor again for his Concurrence.

Thomas Story, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, on a Meſſage from the Governor, returned to this Houſe the Bill to collect the Arrearages of former Taxes, to which the Governor agrees; alſo the Bill to prevent the Exportation of coined Gold and Silver, with the Governor's Objection thereto; together with the Bill of Fees; and the Impoſt Bill; with the Governor's Amendments to the ſame; and a Propoſal to lay *Two Shillings per* Ton on Veſſels.

Samuel Carpenter, and Capt. *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, returned the Bill directing an Affirmation, approved by the Governor; and the Supply Bill, with the Governor's further Propoſals in Writing thereto.

A Motion made, and the Queſtion put, that *Two Shillings per* Ton be laid on Veſſels? *It was carried in the Negative*, *N. C. D.*

And the Queſtion being again put, that *Nine-pence per* Ton be laid on Veſſels not owned by the Inhabitants of this River *Delaware*? *It paſt in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Governor's farther Propoſals to the Bill of

1710-11. of Fees; and, after ſome Amendments thereto, ordered *Thomas Maſters* to carry the ſame to the Governor again for his Concurrence.

12th Mo. 17. *Griffith Owen*, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, came from the Governor to acquaint this Houſe the Governor and Council are ſitting.

Thomas Story's Account for affixing the Great Seal to, and recording ſundry Laws of this Province, Commiſſions, Proclamations, and other publick Inſtruments, the Ballance whereof amounting to *Thirty Pounds*, *Eleven Shillings*, and *Two-pence*, old Currency, was read, and allowed, and the Clerk ordered to certify the ſame accordingly.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Propoſals to the Supply Bill; and, after ſome Alteration made thereto; alſo to the Impoſt Bill, as laſt amended, with the Addition of *Nine-pence per* Ton on Veſſels not owned by the Inhabitants of this River, *Delaware*;

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris* carry the ſaid Bill to the Governor.

Griffith Owen, and *Thomas Story*, Members of Council, returned the Impoſt Bill, and the Supply Bill, with the Governor's Aſſent thereto.

John French's Account of ſeveral Journies to *Coneſtogoe*, and Expences therein, at the Inſtance of the late and preſent Lieutenant Governors, amounting to *One Hundred* and *Nineteen Pounds*, *Nineteen Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, old Currency, was read; and the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, new Currency, was allowed the ſaid *John French* by this Houſe, being the full Quota this Houſe thinks proper for the Province to allow him; and for the Reſidue, refers him to the Lower Counties.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon* acquaint the Governor the Houſe inclines to adjourn till next *Second Day* Week, in order that the Bills by him approved may be ingroſſed; and that the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, intended to wait on him at their Riſing, which will be inſtantly, unleſs the Governor has any Thing further to lay before the Aſſembly at the preſent.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *Thomas Maſters*, be a Committee to employ Clerks, and get the Bills ingroſſed againſt the next Meeting of this Aſſembly; and that the ſaid Committee, with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance, prepare an humble Addreſs to the Queen, and an Addreſs to the Proprietary, againſt the ſame Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till next *Second Day* Seven-night, being the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 26. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker, from the Committee appointed to employ Clerks to ingroſs the Bills aſſented to by the Governor, in order to paſs into Laws, reports, that the ſame will be ready againſt To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 27. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

An Account of *James Fox*, deceaſed, late Treaſurer of this Province and Territories, was read; by which the Ballance due to the ſaid *Fox*'s Repreſentatives appears to be *One Hundred* and *Thirty-one Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, old Currency, whereof *Fifty-eight Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, the ſame Currency, is charged for Intereſt, being negotiated from the Year 1696, to 1698; and this Houſe conſidering the ſaid Account has lain dormant ſo many Years, no Intereſt ſhall be allowed upon the ſame. And finding, by the ſaid Account, there is *Forty-eight Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*, old Currency, paid to *David Lloyd*, *Nathan Stanbury*, and *Edward Shippen*, over and above the *Three Hundred Pounds*, by Law directed to be paid to relieve the diſtreſſed *Indians* of *Albany*, which being deducted, as a wrong Charge, the Houſe agrees to allow Two Thirds of *Twenty-four Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, the true Ballance, which is *Sixteen Pounds*, *Three Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, *Two Thirds*, old Currency, for the full Part to be paid by this Province, and refers to the Lower Counties for the Reſidue.

An Account of *Thomas Maſters*, for Wine furniſhed the Governor withal on his Journey to *Coneſtogoe*, to the Value of *Twenty-five Shillings*, was read, and allowed. Alſo a Note from *Henry Worley* to this Houſe, requeſting their Conſideration for his Service in going to *Coneſtogoe*, on a Meſſage at the Inſtance of the Council, in the *Fourth Month* laſt; for which the Houſe allows *Three Pounds* ſhall be paid the ſaid *Worley*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Ephraim Jackſon*, and *Samuel Cart*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him the Bills to which he aſſented are ingroſſed, and if he pleaſes to direct ſome Members of Council to join with the Members of Aſſembly, appointed to examine the ſame, with the original Copies, this Afternoon.

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A Petition of divers Merchants, and Masters of Vessels, trading in this Province, was presented to the House, and read, praying an Act to be made the better to prevent the trusting of Sailors; 1710-11. 12th Mo. 27.

Ordered, That the said Petition be laid aside for the present, for that there is a Law of this Province, now in Force, which provides Remedy therein.

Thomas Stevenson reports, that he and the other Members appointed, had delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; who acquainted them, that he would appoint some Members of Council to join with some Members of Assembly, to examine the ingrossed Bills at Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 12th Mo. 28.

Ordered, That *Caleb Pusey*, and *Nicholas Pile*, acquaint the Governor, that the Members of Assembly wait, expecting the Members of Council to join with them in examining the ingrossed Bills.

The said Members returned Answer, that the Members of Council will attend immediately.

A Bill to reduce Assemblymens Wages to *Three Shillings per* Day each, and the Speaker *Five Shillings per* Day, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langborn*, *Thomas Masters*, *Isaac Taylor*, and *John Wood*, be a Committee to join with the Members of Council to go upon the Examining the ingrossed Bills, and make Report to this House at Three a Clock this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Members of this House, appointed to join some Members of Council to examine the ingrossed Bills, report, that they had accomplished the Matters to them referred, and that the same agreed with the original Copies.

Isaac Norris, from the Committee appointed on the seventeenth Instant to prepare Addresses to the Queen and the Proprietary, reports, that they had prepared the same, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same were severally read, and agreed to by the House, and ordered to be ingrossed.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him this House is ready to attend him, in order to pass the ingrossed Bills.

Samuel Preston, a Member of Council, on a Message from the Governor acquainted this House, that the Governor is ready to receive the House, in order to the Passing the ingrossed Bills.

Resolved, That the Speaker, with the whole House, forthwith attend the Governor in Council, for his final Assent to these fourteen ingrossed Bills, *viz.*

An Act for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province; an Act for regulating and establishing Fees; an Act for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; an Act directing an Affirmation to such who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take an Oath; an Act that no Publick-House or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence; an Act of Privileges to a Freeman; an Act against riotous Sports, Plays and Games; an Act to prevent Disputes which may hereafter arise about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Instruments and Writings; an Act for Priority of Payment of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province; an Act for the better improving a good Correspondence with the *Indians*; an Act for regulating Party-Walls and Buildings in *Philadelphia*; an Act impowering Commissioners to compel the Collecting of all Arrearages of former Taxes; an Act for raising a Supply of *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head; and an Impost Act laying a Duty on *Negroes*, Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, Cyder and Vessels.

The House returned, and the Speaker reports, That the Governor in Council, and the House present, had been pleased to pass the fourteen foregoing Bills into Laws, and had granted his Warrant for affixing the Great Seal thereto, and appointed two Members of Council to see the same accomplished; and returned the House his Thanks for their Care in providing for the present Support of Government.

Ordered, That *Caleb Pusey*, *Edward Farmar*, *Isaac Norris*, and *Jeremiah Langhorn*, take the Body of new Laws to the Keeper of the Great Seal, and with the two Members of Council appointed by the Governor see the said Seal affixed thereto, and then deliver the same to the Master of the Rolls, to be forthwith recorded as the Charter directs; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 1st Mo. 1.

Isaac Norris and the other Members appointed to see the Seal fixed to the Laws, reports, that they had seen it done accordingly, and left the same in Custody of the Master of the Rolls.

The Bill to reduce Assemblymens Wages was read a second Time, and left to be further considered.

1710-11. *Ordered*, That the Speaker, *Caleb Pusey*, *Edward Farmar*, *Isaac Norris*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, present to the Governor, for his Perusal, the Addresses to the Queen and Proprietary, and acquaint him that this House requests his favourable Representation of the People of this Province to the Queen and Ministry at Home; as also to the Proprietary, to whom this House desires the Laws, past this Session, may be transmitted with all convenient Speed, in order to obtain the Royal Approbation; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon, in order to attend the Governor and Council to publish the Laws.

1st Mo. 1.

Adjournment.

Post Meridiem. The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker reports, that he, with the other Members appointed, had presented the Addresses to the Governor, according to Order, for his Perusal; to both which he was pleased to express his Satisfaction, and therewith returned the same to him again; also, that he had requested the Governor favourably to represent the People of this Province to the Queen, and Ministry at Home; and also to the Proprietary; and to recommend the Laws to him, with all convenient Speed, to lay before the Queen: To all which he was pleased to give Assurance, that he would do all that lay in his Power to serve the Country in those Affairs.

Richard Heath (Clerk of this House) presents his Account for his Service in that Office this Session, and for transcribing the Minutes fair, and Votes for publick View; and for transcribing several Bills, and getting the Bills ingrossed for the Roll, with Paper, *&c.* amounting to *Thirty Pounds*, which was read, and allowed; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1st Mo. 2. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Door-keeper's Account for his Attendance on this House amounting to *Six Pounds, Nine Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, was read, and allowed.

The Speaker's Account of Sundries provided for the immediate Service of this House amounting to *Four Pounds*, was read, and allowed.

First, It is resolved that the Speaker forthwith issue Orders under his Hand to the Provincial Treasurer for Payment of the several Sums to the respective Persons hereafter expressed, the same being already allowed by this House, *viz.*

	£	s	d
To *Charles Gookin*, Lieutenant Governor,	8	10	0
To *Richard Hill*, Speaker,	42	0	0
To *Samuel Preston*,	2	5	0
To *Isaac Norris*,	12	2	0
To *Edward Farmar*,	10	6	0
To *Abraham Bickley*,	30	19	8
To *Thomas Burden*,	6	0	0
To *Richard Heath*,	5	1	11
To Ditto,	30	0	0
To *Nicholas Rosogan*,	6	9	8
To *Henry Worley*,	3	0	0
To *Thomas Masters*,	1	5	0
	£ 157	18	4

Amounting in the Whole to *One Hundred* and *Fifty-seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, present Currency, all which shall be paid out of the first publick Money that comes to his Hands, after the *Three Hundred Pounds* is paid to the Lieutenant Governor, as the Supply Bill directs.

Secondly, It is resolved that the Arrearages of former publick Debts, and several Orders of Payment, specified in the Provincial Treasurer's Account (but not discharged) and allowed by this House the Sixteenth of the *Twelfth Month* last, amounting to *Four Hundred* and *Twenty-four Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, old Currency (besides the Ballance due to the Treasurer by the said Account, being *Thirty-six Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence*, the same Currency, which he is to reduce to the present Currency, and carry to a new Account) shall be paid in due Proportions as Money shall come to his Hands by the Impost Act, and the Act for collecting the Arrearages of former Taxes, past this present Session, after the foregoing Orders for *One Hundred* and *Fifty-seven Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, are fully discharged, *viz.*

	£	s	d
To *Patience Lloyd*,	24	8	9½
To *Johannah Markham*,	34	6	3
To *David Lloyd*,	21	0	0
To *Elizabeth Jones*, Relict of *Patrick Robinson*,	33	0	0
To *James Logan*,	43	10	0
To *Thomas Story*,	12	0	0
To the Proprietary, WILLIAM PENN,	150	0	0
	£ 318	5	0½

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Amounting in the Whole to *Three Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Three-farthings*, preſent Currency, which the Speaker is to iſſue Orders under his Hand to the Provincial Treaſurer for Payment of accordingly. 1710-11. 1ſt Mo. 2.

Thirdly, It is reſolved, that the Speaker iſſue Orders, under his Hand, for the Payment of the following Sums, to be paid by the Publick Treaſurer, in equal Proportions, after the aforementioned Orders for *One Hundred* and *Fifty-ſeven Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, and for the Arrears of former publick Debts, and ſeveral Orders of Payment (being *Three Hundred* and *Eighteen Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Three-farthings*, preſent Currency) are diſcharged, *viz.*

To *Thomas Story*, — —	£ 22	18	4½
To *John French*, — — —	60	0	0
To the Executors or Adminiſtrators of *James Fox*, —	12	2	11½
	£ 95	1	3½

Amounting to *Ninety-five Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Three-pence*, *Three-farthings*, preſent Currency.

Ordered, That *William Trent*, and *Iſaac Norris*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe thinks it may be neceſſary to meet again ſome Time this next Summer, and are of Opinion that the Sixth of the *Sixth Month* next will be a convenient Time, if the Governor concedes thereto; and alſo, that this Houſe requeſts that all *Indian* Treaties, and Meſſages to them, may be ordered at and directly from the City of *Philadelphia*, with the Advice of the Council and Aſſembly for the Time being, if ſitting, as being thought leſs chargeable.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that the Governor approved of the ſixth Day of the *Sixth Month* next for the Aſſembly to meet, as propoſed by this Houſe, unleſs he ſhall ſee Cauſe to call them ſooner; and agrees with the Houſe in the Matter propoſed relating to the *Indians*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the three Reſolves paſt this Morning be tranſcribed fair, and ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to *Samuel Carpenter*, Publick Treaſurer, for his Direction in the Payment of the ſeveral Orders ſigned by the Speaker, and iſſued this Day.

Ordered, That the Speaker, and *Iſaac Norris*, ſend the Addreſſes of this Aſſembly to the Queen and Proprietary by the ſame Opportunity the Lieutenant Governor tranſmits the Laws, and Duplicates thereof by the next convenient Opportunity after, both under Cover directed to the Proprietary, and requeſt him to preſent that to the Queen.

A written Inſtrument ſent to this Houſe by *David Lloyd*, intituled, *The Repreſentation of the Freemen of this Province in Aſſembly met, the 26th Day of the* Sixth Month, 1704, being ſigned by him near the Margent, towards the left Hand [*Vera Copia, Examinata per* DAVID LLOYD] was read; and this Houſe being well aſſured, that the original Repreſentation or Remonſtrance, of the ſame Date, ſent to *England*, was ſigned by *David Lloyd*, Speaker, therefore cannot receive the ſame as a true Copy; and, for that alſo it contains other Matter than appears by the Journal of that Date to be directed by the ſaid Aſſembly; wherefore it is

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, or any two or more of them, do particularly require of *David Lloyd* the ſaid Repreſentation ſo ſigned by him as Speaker, and bring the ſame to this Houſe, to be further conſidered at their next Sitting.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that Leave be given to the Speaker to let the Governor, or any other Perſon, have a Copy of the ſaid Inſtrument, if deſired? *It paſt in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

The ſeveral Orders of Payment, purſuant to the Reſolves of this Day, being in Number Twenty-one, were prepared by the Clerk, and delivered in at the Table, which the Speaker and ſome other Members examined, and found to agree with the ſaid Reſolves.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſame, which was done accordingly; and the Speaker is deſired to deliver the ſame to the Perſons concerned reſpectively; and that all Accounts relating thereto be cancelled, and remain with the other Papers belonging to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 3.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Divers Members, who have at ſundry Times been abſent (as by the Journal appears) during this Seſſion, having ſignified the Occaſion thereof, this Houſe accepts the ſame as ſatisfactory; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſixth Day of the *Sixth Month* next.

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1711. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

5th Mo. 10. The Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of this Province, and City of *Philadelphia*, having, by Virtue of the Governor's Writs, ſummoned the Repreſentatives of the ſame to attend him in Aſſembly Yeſterday; the major Part of the Members met accordingly, and the Governor not being in Town, agreed to meet at Nine a Clock this Morning.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorn* and *Ephraim Jackſon*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that purſuant to his Summons the Houſe is now ſitting, and ready to receive his Commands.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings, and at the Secretary's Office; but that the Governor is not yet come to Town, nor has left any Thing with the Secretary to lay before this Houſe; whereupon the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Samuel Cart*, and *John Wood*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him the Houſe is ſitting, and deſire to know if he has any Buſineſs to lay before them.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that the Governor is not yet come to Town; and then the Houſe adjourned till Six a Clock this Evening.

Adjournment. The Houſe met according to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him the Aſſembly is ſitting, and waits to receive ſuch Buſineſs as he hath to lay before them.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had been at the Governor's Lodgings, and Secretary's Office; but could not hear that the Governor is yet come to Town; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *5th Mo.* 11. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Wood*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Aſſembly is ſitting, in order to receive what Buſineſs he hath to communicate to them.

The ſaid Members reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, that as ſoon as the Council meets he will diſpatch what he has to lay before the Houſe.

Samuel Preſton, and Captain *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Speaker, that the Governor expects his Attendance, with the whole Houſe, at the Council Chamber.

Reſolved, That the Speaker, and the whole Houſe, do forthwith wait upon the Governor accordingly.

The Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, That he, with the whole Houſe, had attended the Governor in Council, and that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy whereof he had obtained; alſo that the Governor had delivered him nine Papers folded, which, he ſaid, included the Buſineſs for which this Houſe is now called better than he could expreſs it; and that thereupon he recommended the Whole to the Conſideration of this Houſe, preſſing their Diſpatch therein; which Papers were intituled as followeth, *viz.*

1. *The Queen's Letter to the Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania.
2. *Preamble of the Queen's Inſtructions to Governor* Hunter.
3. *Copy of Part of her Majeſty's Inſtructions to Colonel* Hunter, *relating to the Expedition to* Canada.
4. *Copy of Part of her Majeſty's additional Inſtructions to his Excellency Colonel* Hunter, *relating to the Expedition againſt* Canada.
5. *Proceedings of the Council of War at* New London.

[The four laſt being all ſigned by the Governor.]

6. *Stores of War for the Expedition againſt* Canada.
7. *Votes of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the* Maſſachuſetts *Province, relating to the Expedition to* Canada, June 1711.
8. *Proceedings on the Aſſembly of the* Maſſachuſetts, &c.
9. *An Extract of the Proceedings of the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives in General Court aſſembled, at* New-London, June *the 19th*, 1711, *relating to the Expedition againſt* Canada.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be read; which was read, and is as followeth.

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GENTLEMEN,

'I SHALL not trouble you with many Words on the Occasion of my calling you together at this Time, but refer you to the Papers before me. 1711.

'In the Queen's Manifesto you will find, I believe, all that can be said to encourage you to promote her Majesty's Designs against *Canada*: You will see the vast Preparations made for that End, and the great Forwardness of our *Northern* Neighbours, to answer her Majesty's Expectation from them. *5th Mo.* 11. Governor's Speech.

'I hope then you will not think yourselves unconcerned, but chearfully enable me to raise and support the Quota of Men assigned this Province, or else that you would make an Equivalent.

'If I am not misinformed, this Province has not yet made any Acknowledgment to the Crown suitable to the Greatness of the Favours they have received. If so, judge then yourselves what cold Regards all your Addresses Home must meet with upon a Failure of Duty on this Occasion.

'I have now only to desire you to give this Matter the Dispatch the Nature of it requires; for I cannot think of entering on any other Business with you till this is answered.'

Ordered, That the Queen's Letter to the Lieutenant Governor of this Province, the Preamble of the Queen's Instructions to Colonel *Hunter*, the Copy of Part of her Majesty's Instructions to Colonel *Hunter*, and the Copy of her Majesty's additional Instructions to Colonel *Hunter*, be all distinctly read; which were read accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will proceed upon the Reading of the rest of those Papers (delivered to the Speaker by the Governor in Council) in the Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The House, according to Order, proceeded in the Reading of the rest of the Papers delivered by the Governor to the Speaker this Morning; and the same were read accordingly. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Queen's Letter to the Lieutenant Governor be again read, and considered; which was read, and is as followeth.

ANNE, R.

'TRUSTY and well beloved, we greet you well. Whereas we have sent our Instructions to our Governors of *New-York* and *New-Jersey*, and of the *Massachusetts Bay* and *New Hampshire*, relating to an Expedition we design to make against the common Enemy, the *French*, inhabiting *North America*. And whereas we have directed our said Governors, and *Francis Nicholson*, Esq; to communicate to you such Part of our said Instructions as relates to the Province under your Command: Our Will and Pleasure is, That you do in all Things conform yourself to the said Instructions. And we do hereby direct and command you to be aiding and assisting in carrying on the said Expedition; and in order thereunto, that you do meet our said Governors, and the said *Francis Nicholson*, at such Place, and at such Time, as they shall for that Purpose signify unto you; and that you put in Execution such Things as shall then be resolved to be acted and done on your Part; in doing of which, we expect you do use the utmost Vigour and Diligence, and for so doing this shall be your Warrant: And so we bid you farewell. Given at our Court at St. *James*'s, the One and Twentieth Day of *February*, 1710-11, in the ninth Year of our Reign.' Queen's Letter to the Governor.

By her Majesty's Command,

H. St. JOHN.

To our trusty and well beloved, the Governor, or Lieutenant Governor, or Commander in Chief, for the Time being, of our Province of Pennsylvania, *in* America.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, proceed in the further Consideration of the Queen's Letter to the Lieutenant Governor, and of the Governor's Speech, with such other Matters relating to this Government as are contained in the several Parts of her Instructions, and other Papers now before this House.

Ordered, That the Speaker forthwith issue Warrants to the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, requiring them to summon the absent Members of this House to give their Attendance To-morrow without fail, under the Penalty by Law appointed, in case of Default; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. *5th Mo.* 12.

The House, according to the Resolve of Yesterday, went upon the Consideration of the Queen's Letter to the Lieutenant Governor, and other Matters relating to this Government contained in the several Parts of her Instructions, the Governor's Speech, and other Papers

1711. 5*th Mo.* 12. now before them, which were again deliberately read; and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion being put, that this Houſe will raiſe a Sum to the Queen's Uſe? *It was carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, this Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum or Value to be raiſed, and all the Members are deſired to give their Attendance; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

According to the Order of the Day the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Sum or Value to be raiſed in this Province for the Queen's Uſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Chairman, reports, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, and (by reaſon that divers Members are abſent) he was directed to move for Leave to ſit again To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the Sum to be raiſed in this Province, for the Queen's Uſe, and it is ſtrictly required that all Members give their Attendance; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 5*th Mo.* 13.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to the Reſolve of Yeſterday, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of the Sum or Value to be raiſed in this Province for the Queen's Uſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and the Chairman of the ſaid Committee reports, that the Committee had come to a Reſolution that the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds* be raiſed in this Province to the Queen's Uſe; and the Queſtion being put, That the Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds* be raiſed accordingly? *It was carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That Leave be given to *Ephraim Jackſon* to be abſent the Remainder of this Week.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid Sum or Value of *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's Uſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Chairman, reports, that the Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and directed him to move for Leave to ſit again this Afternoon; and that ſome Members be appointed to procure from the Treaſurer Duplicates of the Aſſeſſment of the laſt Provincial Tax.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, go to the Treaſurer, and inform themſelves of the whole Sum levied by the laſt Aſſeſſment, and report the ſame to the Houſe this Afternoon.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, this Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's Uſe, and all Members in Town are required to give their Attendance; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Caleb Puſey and *Jonathan Dickinſon* report, that they had been with the Treaſurer, according to Order; and find that the late Tax (deducting all Charges) will amount to about *Seven Hundred* and *Sixty-five Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, and *Six-pence*.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's Uſe, and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they had finiſhed the Matter to them referred, and had come to ſeveral Reſolves thereupon, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table; which Reſolves being again read, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *Caleb Puſey*, draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, upon the ſeveral Heads agreed on by the Houſe, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning; and that the ſaid Members, with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance, be a Committee to prepare a Bill, purſuant to the Reſolves of the Grand Committee, agreed to by this Houſe. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 5*th Mo.* 14.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Jonathan Dickinſon, and the other Members, appointed to draw an Addreſs to the Governor, report, that they had prepared the ſame, which was read, and delivered in at the Table;

Table; which being again deliberately read, was agreed to by the House, and is as followeth. 1711. 5th Mo. 14.

To CHARLES GOOKIN, Esq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the said Province, in General Assembly met at *Philadelphia*, the 14th of the *Fifth Month*, 1711.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to the Governor.

WE *the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of* Pennsylvania, *having deliberately read, and seriously considered, the Queen's Letter and Instructions to thee, with the Minutes of the Congress, and several other Papers thou wert pleased to lay before us, relating to the intended Expedition against* Canada, *as also thy Speech to us upon that Occasion, do crave Leave to observe, that we believe it an Unhappiness to us, that by reason of the Distance of Place, and Shortness of Time, thou could not reach the Congress at* New-London, *well knowing thou could have informed that Council more rightly of the Condition and Circumstances of this Province, and thereupon might reasonably expect the Justice and Reason of that Board would have apportioned the Quota for this Province more easy for us, and equally with our Neighbours, the present Demand being beyond what the Peoples Circumstances can bear; considering also that we are at a constant Charge in maintaining a Friendship with our neighbouring* Indians.

That the Majority of the Inhabitants of this Province being of the People called Quakers; *religiously persuaded against War, and therefore cannot be active therein; yet are as fully persuaded, and believe it to be their bounden Duty to pay Tribute, and yield due Obedience to the Powers God has set over them in all Things, as far as their religious Persuasions can permit; and therefore we take this Occasion to express our Duty, Loyalty, and faithful Obedience to our rightful and gracious Queen* ANNE, *and accordingly have voted the Sum of* Two Thousand Pounds *to be raised upon the Inhabitants of this Province for the Queen's Use, which we hope will be taken in good Part, and accepted as a Token of our Duty, and the Equivalent which by thy Speech is proposed to us; and are preparing a Bill for that Purpose, in which we cannot yet see, but by reason of the Scarcity of Money, we shall be obliged to take of the People a good Part in Provisions.*

We understand the Governor hath summoned an Assembly in the Three Lower Counties, and presume, when they have done their Part, it will fully answer what can be expected from thy Government.

Ordered, That the same be signed by the Speaker; and that *William Trent*, *John Clark*, *Isaac Norris*, and *John Wood*, do wait upon the Governor with the said Address, and enquire what Time he intends to set out for *Newcastle*.

The Speaker reports from the Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, that they had prepared the same, intituled, *An Act for raising* Five-pence Half-penny per Pound *on the Estates of the Inhabitants of this Province, and* Twenty-two Shillings per *Head on single Freemen, and also for laying an Impost of* Two *and a* Half per Cent. *on all* European *Goods imported into this Province, and not owned by the Inhabitants thereof*, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Resolved, That such of the Members of this House as have not given their Attendance this present Session shall be accounted Delinquents, and proceeded against according to Law, unless they appear next *Second Day*, being the Sixteenth Instant, and shew such Cause for their Absence as shall be satisfactory to this House; and then the House adjourned till next *Second Day*, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon, being the sixteenth Instant.

Adjournment. 5th Mo. 16.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Isaac Norris reports, that he, with some of the other Members appointed, delivered the Address to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would defer his going to *Newcastle* till next *Wednesday*, if the Business now before the House could be dispatched by that Time.

Ordered, That *Thomas Masters*, *Isaac Taylor*, and *Jeremiah Langhorn*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Business now before this House cannot be dispatched by the Time proposed; and if the Affairs of Government require his Presence at *Newcastle*, desire to know what Time he will return.

Such Members who have not given due Attendance this Session being all now present (except *Abel Janney*, who is dangerously ill) were required to give an Account of the Reasons of their Absence, which was done; and they are excused, paying the Messenger; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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1711. 5*th Mo.* 17. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Thomas Maſters, and the other Members, appointed Yeſterday on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, they had delivered the ſame according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to inform them, he had appointed to meet the Aſſembly at *Newcaſtle* To-morrow; and intended to be here again this Day-week, being the Twenty-fourth Inſtant, at which Time he expected the Attendance of this Houſe, and that all Things would be in a Readineſs.

The Secretary, in a Meſſage from the Governor, informed the Houſe, that the Governor ſent him to deſire thoſe nine Papers, delivered the Speaker in Council, the Eleventh Inſtant, to communicate the ſame to the Aſſembly of the Lower Counties; alſo, that the Governor had been at a conſiderable Expence in travelling to *New-York*, which he hoped would be conſidered by this Houſe, according to the Example of other Governments.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do forthwith wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Papers, and deſire that Copies of Number 2, 3, 4, and 5, may be returned to remain in this Houſe.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage and the Papers to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to promiſe Copies ſhould be ſent to the Houſe; and further, the Governor informed them of his Intentions of being in Town next *Sixth Day* (the Twentieth Inſtant) at which Time, if the Houſe could be ready, the Matters now before them might be finiſhed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe went upon the Reading and Debate of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing* Five-pence Half-penny per Pound, *and* Twenty-two Shillings per *Head*, *on ſingle Freemen*; and alſo *for laying an Impoſt of* Two *and* a Half per Cent. *on all* European *Goods imported into this Province, and not owned by the Inhabitants thereof.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Reading and Debate of the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

5*th Mo.* 18. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Reading and Debate of the Bill; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Iſaac Norris*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they had finiſhed the Matter to them referred, and that the Committee had come to ſeveral Reſolves thereupon, which were read, and delivered in at the Table; and the ſame being again deliberately read, after ſome Amendments, were agreed to by the Houſe, and are as followeth, *viz.*

1. That the Poll-money on Freemen be reduced to *Twenty Shillings per* Head.

2. That the Impoſt of *Two* and a *Half per Cent.* on *European* Goods be left out of the Bill.

3. That the Title of the Bill be changed, and called, *An Act for raiſing* Two Thouſand Pounds *for the Queen's Uſe, by a Tax of* Five-pence Half-penny per Pound, *and* Twenty Shillings per *Head.*

And the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *Samuel Cart*, be a Committee to amend the ſaid Bill accordingly, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

5*th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Caleb Puſey, and the other Members, to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing* Two Thouſand Pounds *for the Queen's Uſe, by a Tax of* Five-pence Half-penny per Pound, *and* Twenty Shillings per *Head*, was committed, reports, that they had compleated the ſame, according to the Direction of this Houſe, which was read, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſt in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed, and that the Speaker, *Caleb Puſey*, *William Trent*, and *Jeremiah Langhorn*, or ſo many of them as can attend, preſent the ſaid Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence.

The Meſſage to this Houſe by the Secretary on the ſeventeenth Inſtant, relating to the Charges of the Governor's Journey to *New-York*, being taken into Conſideration,

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be allowed to defray the ſame, and that the Speaker draw an Order upon the Treaſurer for Payment thereof to the Governor accordingly.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That Application be made to the Queen, and Miniſtry at Home, for Leave to import *European* Salt for the Promotion of our Fiſhery, and general Utility of the Queen's Subjects in this Province, and *William Trent*, *Iſaac Norris*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*,

inſon, and the Speaker, are appointed to negotiate that Affair on the Country's Behalf, by the moſt expedient Means they ſhall think adviſable; and the Speaker is hereby directed to iſſue an Order of Payment for *Fifty Pounds* to the ſaid Perſons on the Provincial Treaſurer, to defray that Charge, and that they ſhall give an Account of their Proceedings therein to the Aſſembly of this Province, for the Time being, when required. 1711. 5th Mo. 19.

Reſolved, That an humble Addreſs be preſented to the Queen, expreſſing the Duty and Affection of her Subjects in this Province, craving her favourable Acceptance of the Sum raiſed this Seſſion for her Uſe; and that ſhe would be graciouſly pleaſed to indulge us with the Privilege of importing *European* Salt for the Promotion of a Fiſhery here, and that *Iſaac Norris*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *William Trent*, prepare the ſaid Addreſs, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 5th Mo. 20, Poſt Meridiem.

Richard Heath, Clerk of this Houſe, produced his Account for immediate Services, ingroſſing the Bill and Addreſſes, and for tranſcribing the Minutes fair, and the Votes for publick View, amounting to the Sum of *Five Pounds*, which was read, and allowed.

Nicholas Roſegan, Door-keeper of this Houſe, preſented his Account for preſent Service, amounting to *One Pound*, *Twelve Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Orders on the Treaſurer, for Payment of both the ſaid Accounts.

Reſolved, That all Orders of Payment, allowed and made this Seſſion, be paid out of the Reſidue of the Money raiſed by the Act for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds* to the Queen's Uſe, by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head, after the ſaid Sum of *Two Thouſand Pounds* is paid.

The Speaker reports, that he, with *Caleb Puſey*, had preſented the Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's Uſe, to the Governor for his Approbation, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would give it all the neceſſary Diſpatch.

Jonathan Dickinſon, and the other Members, appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Queen, report, that they had prepared the ſame, which he read, and delivered at the Table; and the ſame being again read, and debated, divers Amendments were propoſed, and the ſaid Addreſs was re-committed to the ſaid Members to be amended accordingly, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Thomas Story, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, returned the Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds* to the Queen's Uſe by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Sillings per* Head; together with a Propoſal of Amendment to the ſaid Bill in Writing, that the Effects raiſed by the ſaid Tax ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer as the Governor ſhall direct and appoint.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *John Wood*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe has agreed the *Two Thouſand Pounds* ſhall be paid with the Governor's Approbation, and that the Bill be amended accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 5th Mo. 21.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Nicholas Pile*, preſent the Bill as amended to the Governor for his Concurrence.

The ſaid Members reported, that they had delivered the Bill according to Order.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That it is highly injurious, and a great Injuſtice to the Inhabitants of this Province, to have their indented Servants encouraged and enticed away to inliſt themſelves with the Officers of the neighbouring Government of *Weſt New-Jerſey*, as divers lately have done, which this Houſe cannot but reſent as a Violence upon the Subject, and an Indignity to this Government, and prays the Governor's Endeavours for a ſpeedy Relief therein.

Griffith Owen, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, returned the Bill, with a farther Propoſal of Amendment to the ſame from the Governor in Writing, inſiſting that the Money raiſed by the ſaid Bill ſhould be paid to the Governor for the Queen's Uſe, or that ſuch Part thereof as is employed by the Governor for the Queen's Service ſhall be firſt deducted.

Jonathan Dickinſon, and the other Members, appointed to amend the Addreſs to the Queen, report, that they had done the ſame accordingly, which was read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Proprietary to preſent to the Queen.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the laſt Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be amended according to the Governor's Propoſal? *It was carried in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *William Trent*, and *Nicholas Pile*, preſent the ſaid Bill again to the Governor for his Concurrence, and requeſt his Diſpatch therein.

1711. The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered the Bill to the Governor, according to Order; and that he told them, the Houſe ſhould hear from him about Three a Clock this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

5th Mo. 21. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Iſaac Norris produced an Account of *James Logan*'s, amounting to *Seventy Pounds, Two Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Half-penny*, which was read, and, after deducting *Five Pounds per Annum* for his Charge as Clerk of the Council, the Reſidue, *viz. Fifty-five Pounds, Two Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Half-penny*, was allowed, and the Clerk is ordered to certify the ſame.

Samuel Carpenter, *Samuel Preſton*, and *Thomas Story*, Members of Council, returned the Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's Uſe, *&c.* together with the Governor's Reaſons why he cannot aſſent to the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

The Governor's Reaſons why he could not aſſent to the Bill were taken into Conſideration; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Houſe referred the ſame to be further debated and conſidered at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Nicholas Pile*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that foraſmuch as the Houſe cannot as yet come to a Concluſion upon his laſt Meſſage, and the Members very uneaſy, being detained thus late, do incline to adjourn for ſome Days, and deſire to know what Time will beſt ſuit his Conveniency.

The ſaid Members report, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to nominate next *Fifth Day*, being the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, as a ſuitable Time for this Houſe to meet again; and accordingly the Houſe adjourned till the next *Fifth Day*, being the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

5th Mo. 26. *The Reaſons for not Meeting on the Day of Adjournment appears in the Governor's Meſſage of the Seventh of the* Sixth Month, 1711.

6th Mo. 6. IN Purſuance of the Governor's Summons a Majority of the Repreſentatives met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Iſaac Norris*, forthwith wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that purſuant to his Summons a Quorum of the Members of Aſſembly are met, and ready to receive what he is pleaſed to lay before them as a Houſe.

The ſaid Members return, they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſignify, he expected the Attendance of the Houſe To-morrow at Ten a Clock; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 7. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, and *Samuel Cart*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, that they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, that as ſoon as the Council met the Houſe ſhould hear from him.

Griffith Owen, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Speaker, that the Governor expects the Attendance of the Houſe at his Lodgings.

Reſolved, That the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, attend the Governor accordingly.

The Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, and that he had obtained a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Governor's Speech.

GENTLEMEN,

'THE Bill ſo long in Hand for the Raiſing the *Two Thouſand Pounds* for the Queen's
'Uſe, ſeems to me to be ſo worded, as it will not anſwer the End propoſed; for, if
'I am not miſtaken, there is no Time mentioned for Payment. I therefore haſtened to
'*New-York*, to adviſe with Colonel *Hunter*. He told me, that if *One Thouſand Pounds* was
'forthwith paid, and the reſt in Proviſions in a few Months, it might be of Uſe to the
'Queen, otherwiſe not. I intended to have been with you on the Day you adjourned, but
'was perſuaded to ſtay one Day longer for the Arrival of Colonel *Nicholſon*, who not
'coming, I haſted Home; but was taken ill on the Road: However you ſtaid not long
'for me, having miſſed your Adjournment. You are now legally called, and legally met:
'I deſire you will ſo frame the Bill, that it may on all Points anſwer the End propoſed, that
'is, the Service of the Queen.'

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Edward Jones*, do forthwith wait upon the Governor in Council, and acquaint him, that by the Bill preſented for his Concurrence to raiſe *Two Thouſand*

Thousand Pounds for the Queen's Use, the whole Collection was to be compleated by the last of *October*, and that this House will immediately go upon the Consideration of the Premises, as by his Speech is recommended to them. 1711: *6th Mo.* 7.

The said Members return, and report, that they had delivered their Message according to Order.

Ordered, That the Bill for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head, be read, and the same was read accordingly, and ordered a second Reading this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon precisely, and all the Members are desired to give their Attendance. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head, was read a second Time, and committed; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *6th Mo.* 8.

A Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia* was presented to the House, and read, complaining of their great Sufferings, by their bought Servants being inticed to run away from their Masters Service into *West-Jersey* to inlist themselves for Soldiers, and praying Relief therein:

And a Motion being made, that a Clause be added to the Bill for making a reasonable Satisfaction to the injured Persons for the Loss of their Servants, out of the Monies to be raised thereby for the Queen's Use, unless such Servants shall be returned by the first of *December* next? *It past in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, *Caleb Pusey*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, prepare a Clause accordingly, and bring the same to the House this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head, as last amended, was read the third Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed, and that the Speaker, *Thomas Masters*, *Caleb Pusey*, and *John Clark*, present the said Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *6th Mo.* 9.

The Speaker reports, that he, with the other Members appointed, delivered the Bill to the Governor, according to Order.

Ordered, That *Ephraim Jackson*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, acquaint the Governor that the Assembly is met, and desire to know if he expects the Attendance of the House this Morning.

The said Members returned, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor; and that he was pleased to say, the House should hear from him at Two a Clock; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Samuel Preston, and Captain *Anthony Palmer*, Members of Council, returned the Bill for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, and signify'd the Governor's Concurrence.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Isaac Norris*, *John Wood*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, or so many of them as can attend, with the Assistance of the Speaker and Clerk, be a Committee to examine the fair Journal, with the rough Minutes, and collect the Days of each Member's Absence during the sitting of this House, and report the same To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *6th Mo.* 10.

The Speaker reports, that the Committee appointed to examine the Journal, and collect an Account of the Time of each Member's Absence from the Service of this House whilst sitting, that they have gone through the Whole, and find the same to agree with the rough Minutes, and delivered an Account of the Members Absence in at the Table.

Caleb Pusey, *Isaac Norris*, and *Thomas Masters*, report, that, according to the Order of the Second of the *First Month*, they had been with *David Lloyd* to require the Remonstrance

1711. 6th Mo. 10. ſtance ſigned by him as Speaker of the Aſſembly the Twenty-ſixth of the *Sixth Month*, 1704; and the ſaid *David Lloyd* declares he knows not where the Original, ſigned by him as Speaker, is; but acknowledged that he ſent to this Houſe the Second of the *Firſt Month* laſt to be a true Copy thereof.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That it is the People's great Security to have a Duplicate of the Journal of the Aſſembly lodged in the Secretary's Office, for the Time being, according to the Example of other Governments under the Crown of *Great-Britain*, and the Clerk of this Houſe is ordered to tranſcribe the ſame at the Publick Charge; which, being examined, and ſigned by the Speaker, ſhall be delivered to the Governor accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is ready to attend when he pleaſes, in order to paſs the Bill.

The ſaid Members return, and having delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, report, he deſired the Attendance of this Houſe immediately.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith attend the Governor, in order to paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law.

The Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, that the Governor had been pleaſed to paſs the ſaid Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing* Two Thouſand Pounds *for the Queen's Uſe, by a Tax of* Five-pence Half-penny per Pound, *and* Twenty Shillings per *Head*, into a Law, and directed *Griffith Owen*, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, by his Warrant, to ſee the Great Seal affixed thereto.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *William Biles*, take the ſaid Bill, and accompany the Members of Council aforeſaid to ſee the Seal affixed to the ſame, and deliver it to the Maſter of the Rolls to be recorded.

The Governor delivered a Letter which he received from the Proprietary, dated the 14th of the *Firſt Month*, and 10th of the *Second Month*, 1711, to the Speaker, in order to lay before this Houſe, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, that during the Governor's Abſence, and ſince his laſt Return from *New-York*, he had received and entertained upwards of Sixty *Conneſtogoe Indians*, who came to treat with the Governor about the intended Expedition againſt the *French* and *Northern Indians* of *Canada*, by which he had diſburſed at leaſt *Twenty Pounds*, and been at much Trouble; therefore deſired the ſame might be reimburſed him out of the Provincial Stock.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That if the Governor concurs with this Houſe herein, the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* ſhall be paid to the Governor by the Publick Treaſurer out of the Provincial Stock, after all Payments, ordered by the three Reſolves of Aſſembly, made the Second of the *Firſt Month*, 1710, are diſcharged, and that the Clerk draw an Order on *Samuel Carpenter*, publick Treaſurer, for Payment thereof accordingly; which was done, and ſigned by the Speaker, to be preſented to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

Adjournment *6th Mo.* 11.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Bill for raiſing *Two Thouſand Pounds*, for the Queen's Uſe, report, that the ſame was done, and left with the Maſter of the Rolls, according to Order.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will preſent the rough Minute Book to the Speaker, for his Trouble in publiſhing the Votes.

The Proprietary's Letter was read a ſecond Time, and left to be further conſidered at the next Meeting of this Houſe.

Reſolved, That all Orders of Payment, iſſued by this Aſſembly the Nineteenth and Twentieth of the *Fifth Month* laſt, ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer accordingly.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That this Houſe will requeſt the Governor to iſſue new Commiſſions of the Peace to ſuch Perſons only, in the reſpective Counties, as ſhall think themſelves concerned for the Publick Good in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, by duly holding the Courts of Judicature as by Law eſtabliſhed in this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till the twentieth Day of the *Seventh Month* next.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 20. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Heath, Clerk of this Houſe, produced his Account, amounting to *Five Pounds, One Shilling*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed.

Nicholas Roſogan, Door-keeper, produced his Account, amounting to *Twenty-four Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed.

Ordered.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Orders of Payment on the Treaſurer for the two above mentioned Accounts, to be preſented to the Governor for his Concurrence, and paid out of the Publick Stock. 1711. 7th Mo. 20.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Thomas Maſters*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe is ſitting, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare Tickets of the Number of Days each Member has attended the Service of this Aſſembly, and that the Speaker ſign and deliver the ſame to the Perſons concerned.

Iſaac Norris and *Thomas Maſters* report, that, according to Order, they had been at the Governor's Lodgings and the Secretary's Office, and are informed that the Governor is at *Newcaſtle*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Governor's being out of Town, and divers Members abſent by Sickneſs, and the Time for a New Election being near at Hand, thought fit to decline any further Procedure to Buſineſs this Seſſion, unleſs the Governor ſee Cauſe to require their further Attendance, whereof the Speaker is appointed to acquaint the Governor.

Signed by Order, per

The 20th of the Seventh Month, 1711. RICHARD HILL, *Speaker*.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fifteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1711.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, as the reſpective Sheriffs Returns, bearing Date the firſt Day of the *Eighth Month*, *Anno* 1711, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Edward Farmar,	*Francis Yarnall*,	*Jeremiah Langhorn*,
Benjamin Duffield,	*John Bezor*,	*Thomas Stevenſon*,
Owen Roberts,	*Caleb Puſey*,	*William Biles*,
David Lloyd,	*Nicholas Pile*,	*Samuel Burges*, jun.
Iſaac Norris,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Thomas Stackhouſe*,
John Roberts,	*Joſeph Baker*,	*Joſhua Hoopes*,
Robert Jones,	*Nicholas Fairlamb*,	*Robert Heaton*, jun.
Joſeph Wilcox.	*David Llewellin*.	*Samuel Baker*.

City of Philadelphia.

Richard Hill, Speaker. *Samuel Preſton*.

THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, met at the uſual Place in the City of *Philadelphia*, and being a Quorum, as the Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded and choſe *Richard Hill*, Eſq; to be their Speaker, who being placed in the Chair, read and ſubſcribed the Qualifications by Law preſcribed; and then the Members being called over by the Returns of the Sheriffs of each County of this Province, thoſe preſent ſubſcribed the ſame (being read to them with an audible Voice) *viz.* *Richard Hill*, Speaker, *Samuel Preſton*, *Edward Farmar*, *Owen Roberts*, *Iſaac Norris*, *John Roberts*, *Robert Jones*, *Francis Yarnall*, *John Bezor*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Joſeph Baker*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *David Llewellin*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Samuel Burges*, *Thomas Stackhouſe*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, *Robert Heaton*, and *Samuel Baker*. 1711. 8th Mo. 15.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him the Aſſembly is ſitting, and deſires to know when he will be pleaſed to receive this Houſe, in order to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor is gone to *Newcaſtle*, upon an extraordinary and unexpected Occaſion, and the Time of his Return is uncertain, ſave only that he left Word, he would return as ſoon as poſſibly he could. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

1711. 8th Mo. 16. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Wilcox, a Member returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, appeared, and, after having read and ſubſcribed the Declaration, *&c.* by Law required, took his Place in this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Robert Heaton*, go to the Secretary, and deſire him to ſend the royal Charter of King *CHARLES* the II. to our Proprietary, that the ſame may be read in the Houſe, and returned to his Office again.

The ſaid Members report, that they have been with the Secretary, and have brought the royal Charter to this Houſe, according to Order.

Ordered, That the ſaid royal Charter be diſtinctly read with an audible Voice; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Proprietary's Provincial Charter of Privileges be alſo diſtinctly read; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, and *John Bezor*, do forthwith carry the royal Charter to the Secretary's Office, and deliver the ſame to the Secretary himſelf.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that they delivered the royal Charter to the Secretary, according to Order.

Ordered, That *John Roberts*, *David Llewellin*, and *Samuel Burges*, do go to the Governor's Houſe, and Secretary's Office, and enquire if there be any Advice from the Governor concerning the Time of his Return.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that they have been at the Governor's Houſe, and Secretary's Office; but do not find that there is any Certainty of the Time when the Governor intends to be in Town.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration, that, for ſeveral Reaſons, it appears more ſuitable to take another Seaſon for ſitting to Buſineſs, do unanimouſly agree to adjourn to the laſt Day of *December* next; and ſince the Governor at this Time is neceſſarily abſent, and the Time of his Return not certain, the Speaker, with *Joſeph Wilcox*, and *Iſaac Norris*, or either of them, is deſired to acquaint the Governor therewith; and alſo that the Members will be ready notwithſtanding to attend the Governor ſooner, if he ſhall ſee Cauſe to call them; and then the Houſe adjourned to the laſt Day of the *Tenth Month* next accordingly.

Adjournment.

10th Mo. 31. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd, a Member elected and returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, appeared, and deſired Time to conſider the Qualifications received by the Members of this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, do wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him the Aſſembly are met; and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to receive this Houſe, in order to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would be ready to receive this Houſe To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock.

Adjournment. The Speaker propoſed to the Conſideration of the Houſe, that a proper Perſon may be provided to officiate as Clerk of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1711-12. 11th Mo. 1. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Benjamin Duffield, a Member elected and returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, after having read and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, preſcribed by Law, took his Place in this Houſe.

David Lloyd, a Member elected and returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly, appeared, and propoſed to be qualified, according to the Direction of a Law of this Province now in Force; the ſame was left to further Conſideration.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Baker*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him, in order to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor; who ſaid, he was ready to receive this Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will immediately wait on the Governor, in order to preſent their Speaker;

And accordingly the whole Houſe went to attend the Governor, and preſented their Speaker; which being approved, the Houſe returned, and the Speaker reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, and had given a Copy thereof, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame being read, is as followeth.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. ‘THE Proprietary, in his Letters to me, takes Occaſion to ſhew his Deſire to ſerve the ‘People of this Province, and leaves it to themſelves to think on the Means that ‘may beſt conduce to their own Quiet and Intereſt: And as it will be generally allowed, ‘that

'that this Assembly is composed of Persons of Abilities to serve their Country, I shall not 1711-12.
'at this Time propose Methods to you, but shall content myself to recommend, that in all
'your Proceedings you have great Regard to the Honour and Interest of the Crown, that 11th Mo. 1.
'of the Proprietary, and the Publick Welfare.

'These Rules being strictly observed, you cannot frame a Bill I will not readily give my 'Assent to.

'Under these Heads the *Indian* Treaties (more especially at this Juncture) and the Com-'mon Exigencies of Government, may be considered.

'As to my own Particular, I must put you in Mind, that I have been above three Years 'engaged in the Affairs of the Province, and almost as long in it; what I have received of 'the Publick appears by the Acts of the last Assembly, which is far short of what the 'Proprietary gave me to expect from the People.

'But as I am unwilling to require any Thing that may give them the least Uneasiness, 'I shall leave this, with what I have before mentioned, to your prudent Consideration, 'Gentlemen, who are their Representatives.'

Thomas Wilson, being appointed Clerk of the Assembly, by Affirmation was engaged to Secrecy, and a true Performance of this Trust; and by the Consent of this House is allowed *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day for his Service in Assembly, and to be paid for extraordinary Services between each Adjournment and Sitting; and to have the Benefit of all Copies or Transcripts to be made out of the Journal, at such Rates as the House shall adjudge; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House went upon the Consideration of *David Lloyd*'s Proposal of being qualified according to the former Method prescribed by a Law of this Province, made in the Year 1706.

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that any Member being qualified according to the Method prescribed in the Law, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Number of Members of Assembly, and to regulate Elections*, shall be admitted to serve in Assembly.

Resolved also, That it is the Opinion of this House, that any Member taking or subscribing the same Qualification, in the Words of the Affirmation, prescribed by a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act directing an Affirmation to such who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take an Oath*, shall likewise be admitted to serve in Assembly.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be again read, which was done accordingly.

Resolved, That this House will take the said Speech into further Consideration To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 2.

David Lloyd appeared, and subscribed to the Qualification prescribed by a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Number of Members of Assembly, and to regulate Elections*, and took his Place in this House.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be read; and the same being read, and taken into Consideration, the House came to a Conclusion, that having no late Advice from *England*, it might be more advisable to adjourn, and defer all publick Business till the Twenty-eighth Day of the *Second Month* next, if the Governor thinks fit to concur with this House therein.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox*, *Caleb Pusey*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him therewith.

The said Members returned, and report, they had delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleased to say, if the Assembly thought fit to adjourn, he should leave the Time to the Discretion of the House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House took again into further Consideration whether the Time proposed to the Governor this Morning for an Adjournment be most agreeable to the present Circumstances of this Province; and after some Time spent therein, and the Question being put, that this House will adjourn till the Twenty-eighth Day of the *Second Month* next? *It past in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; and they were brought in accordingly.

Ordered, That the Minutes of this House be read throughout; and the same were read accordingly, and approved; and then the House adjourned till the Twenty-eighth Day of the *Second Month* next, unless the Governor see Cause to call them sooner.

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1712. 2d *Mo.* 28. THE Houſe met, purſuant to their laſt Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Samuel Burges*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is met, according to Adjournment.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that they had been at the Governor's Houſe, and Secretary's Office, where they were informed the Governor was not yet come to Town, but that he was expected this Evening; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

2d *Mo.* 29. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be read, and the ſame was read, and debated; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, *Iſaac Norris*, *Joſhua Hoopes*, and *Caleb Puſey*, were appointed to prepare an Addreſs in anſwer thereto, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Samuel Baker*, be a Committee to inſpect the publick Accounts of this Province (in the Treaſurer's Hands) and report the State thereof to this Houſe To-morrow Morning, and that the Treaſurer attend at the ſame Time.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Warrants under his Hand, and ſend the ſame by *Joſhua Fincher* as Meſſenger of this Houſe, requiring the abſent Members ſpeedy Attendance.

David Lloyd deſired Leave to be abſent To-morrow upon extraordinary Occaſions, which was granted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

2d *Mo.* 30. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to prepare an Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech, brought the ſame to this Houſe, according to Order, which was read, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, *viz.*

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

WE the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly met, having now taken into Conſideration thy Speech, made to us at our laſt Sitting, do return our hearty Thanks for the Proprietary's kind Regards, and Deſires for the Good of the People of this Province, expreſt in his Letters to thee, and the Expectation thou art pleaſed to give us of thy ready Aſſent to ſuch Laws as ſhall contribute thereunto, leaving the Means and Methods to ourſelves; which we ſhall always endeavour, with the beſt of our Abilities, to ſet about, with due Regards to the Honour and Intereſt of the Crown, that of the Proprietary, and the Publick Welfare.*

Much Buſineſs does not, at firſt View, appear to us; but we ſhall, forthwith, appoint Committees to enquire into the Condition of the Country, and State of our Laws; and in order thereunto, crave Leave to deſire the Governor to lay before this Houſe a Liſt of ſuch Laws as have been laid before the Queen, and ſuch of them as have been rejected, or confirmed to us.

And as we believe it our Duty to ſupport thee, according to our preſent Abilities, in thy Adminiſtration of the Government, ſo we ſhall proceed to take into our Conſideration the beſt Method for that End.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Joſhua Hoopes*, preſent the ſaid Addreſs to the Governor.

The Committee appointed to inſpect the publick Accounts of this Province, report, that they had been at the Treaſurer's, according to Order; but that the Treaſurer was gone out of Town.

Ordered, That the ſame Members be continued a Committee in this Affair, and make Report thereof to this Houſe; and at the ſame Time the Treaſurer's Attendance is required.

The Members appointed to preſent the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governor, return, and report, they have delivered the ſame, according to Order.

Sundry * Rules approved by former Aſſemblies, and entered in the Journals, were read, and agreed to by this Houſe.

And further, it is unanimouſly agreed, that thoſe Members who do not appear within Half an Hour, after the Ring of the Bell, and Speaker's aſſuming the Chair, to anſwer their Call, ſhall pay *Eight-pence*; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay *Sixteen-pence*, and *Eight-pence* for every Hour's Abſence after,

* Theſe Rules are verbatim the ſame as in the firſt printed Votes, Part II. Page 2. *Anno*, 1703.

ter, unless they can shew Cause to the Satisfaction of the House for the same, which shall be determined by an immediate Vote; and then the House adjourned till Four a Clock in the Afternoon. 1712. 2d Mo. 30. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Isaac Norris desired Leave to be absent this Afternoon, which was granted.

A Letter from the Proprietary, dated the Fourteenth of the *First Month*, and Postscript, dated the Tenth of the *Second Month*, 1711, communicated by the Governor to the former Assembly, were this Day read, and left to further Consideration.

Edward Farmar desired Leave to be absent To-morrow upon an extraordinary Occasion, which was granted; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 1.

The House went upon the Consideration of divers Bills, prepared by former Assemblies, and after some Time spent therein, it was resolved the same should be further considered this Afternoon.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further securing the Administration of the Government*, was read, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The House, according to the Resolve of this Morning, went upon the further Consideration of divers Bills, prepared by former Assemblies.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for confirming Patents and Grants, and for preventing Lawsuits*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and dispose of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Joshua Fincher, Messenger of this House, made Return of the several Warrants issued by the Speaker by Order of the Twenty-ninth of the *Second Month*, requiring the Attendance of the absent Members, *viz.* That he had been at each of their Houses respectively, and had spoke with *Jeremiah Langhorn*, and *William Biles*; but that *Samuel Preston*, *Thomas Stevenson*, *Thomas Stackhouse*, and *Robert Heaton*, were not at Home.

William Biles, a Member returned to serve in this Assembly, appeared, and, after having read and subscribed the Declarations, *&c.* by Law required, took his Place in this House; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 2.

Ordered, That the Door-keeper be sent forthwith to require *Jeremiah Langhorn* (a Member elected to serve in this Assembly, now being in Town) to give his immediate Attendance at this House.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of* Philadelphia *to raise Money on the Inhabitants of the said City, for the publick Use and Benefit thereof*, was read; and, after some Proposals of Amendments thereto, ordered a second Reading.

The Door-keeper returned Answer, that he spoke with *Jeremiah Langhorn*, who (being about to go out of Town) reply'd, that he desired to be excused.

Ordered, That *William Biles* acquaint *Jeremiah Langhorn*, this House cannot think fit to dispence with his Absence; but requires his speedy Attendance.

Joseph Wilcox desires Leave to be absent this Afternoon.

Joshua Hoopes desires Leave to be absent this Afternoon and To-morrow, on an extraordinary Occasion; and *Robert Heaton*, being ill, desires Leave to go Home; all which was granted; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

Jeremiah Langhorn, a Member returned to serve in this Assembly, appeared; and, after having read and subscribed the Declaration, *&c.* by Law required, took his Place in this House.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better repairing and amending the Highways within this Province*, was read, and ordered to be laid aside; and then the House adjourned till the *Fourth Day* next, being the seventh Instant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. 3d Mo. 7. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

1712. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

3d Mo. 8. A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome Propoſals of Amendment, committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill, to add a Clauſe to the ſame, to make Proviſion in caſe of the Death of the Governor in Chief.

A Petition of *Mordecai Howell*, of *Cheſter*, expreſſing ſome Hardſhips by him ſuffered, by Means of a Law-ſuit commenced by Colonel *Robert Quarry*, on the Queen's Behalf, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Benjamin Chambers*, relating to his Ferry, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill, prepared by the laſt Aſſembly, be read, which was read accordingly, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and diſpoſe of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill, to adapt the ſame to the Uſe of religious Societies only, and leave out the Clauſe giving Power to ſell, and alter the Title accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of* Philadelphia *to raiſe Money on the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for the publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act confirming Patents and Grants, and for preventing Lawſuits*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome Amendments, committed.

A Petition, ſigned by *William Southbe*, relating to *Negroes*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition ſigned by many of the Inhabitants of this Province, praying the Prohibition of *Negroes*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Iſaac Norris*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, be a Committee to amend theſe four Bills, according to Directions, and report the ſame to this Houſe next *Third Day*, being the thirteenth Inſtant, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for impowering religious Societies, Towns and Villages, to buy, hold, and diſpoſe of Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for confirming Patents and Grants, and for preventing Lawſuits.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of* Philadelphia *to raiſe Money upon the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for the publick Uſe and Benefit thereof.*

Adjournment. And the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3d Mo. 9. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill, was read a ſecond Time, and, with ſome propos'd Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That the Petitions lying upon the Table be read, which were read accordingly, and conſidered;

And the Houſe are of Opinion, that if *Mordecai Howell* be really oppreſt by Colonel *Quarry*, or the Sheriff of *Cheſter* County, the Laws of *England* and this Province are ſufficient for Relief of the Subject, to which he is referred.

And to *William Southbe*'s Petition, relating to the Enlargement of *Negroes*, the Houſe is of Opinion, it is neither juſt nor convenient to ſet them at Liberty.

Alſo to the Petition for diſcouraging the Importation of *Negroes* (ſign'd by many Hands) the Houſe agrees, that an Impoſt of *Twenty Pounds per* Head be laid on all *Negroes* imported into this Province; and that the Clerk provide a Bill, and bring the ſame to this Houſe.

The Houſe being informed, that through the Neglect of the Magiſtrates or Aſſeſſors of the County of *Philadelphia*, divers Perſons Accounts, which being preſented to the ſaid County Courts, as a Law of this Province, intituled, *A Supplementary Act for the Raiſing of County Levies*, directs, were not indorſed, by which Means the Poſſeſſors of the ſaid Accounts are rendered incapable of recovering their juſt Rights;

Ordered, That *David Lloyd* prepare a Bill, reviving the ſaid Accounts ſo preſented, as the Law aforeſaid directs; and that the ſame Powers be given to the Magiſtrates of each County,

ty, and City of *Philadelphia*, to require the Collecting Arrearages of County Taxes, and to make the Collectors answerable for the Quota of each of their Districts, and enable the Magistrates of the said City, equally with those in the County, in what is necessary therein. 1712. 3d Mo. 9.

Ordered also, That a Clause be in the said Bill, requiring the Payment of all Arrearages for killing of Wolves, to be borne by a general Tax of both City and County; but that it be a County Charge for the future; and that the Accounts thereof be also brought for Allowance to the County Courts next ensuing; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neshaminey *Creek*, prepared by the last Assembly, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for better settling the Register's Office*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Nicholas Fairlamb, one of the Members appointed a Committee to inspect the Publick Accounts of this Province in the Treasurer's Hands, reports, that they have been several Times at the Treasurer's, according to Order, who was still out of Town; but had left an Abstract of the State thereof in Writing, which he delivered in at the Table; and the same being read, there appears to be *Eighty-nine Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Four-pence Half-penny* in Publick Stock.

The House taking into Consideration the great Use and Benefit it would be to the Country to have the Laws printed, and thereupon sent for *Jacob Taylor* to treat with him about the same: He informed the House, that according to the best of his Judgment, the Charges thereof would amount to about *One Hundred Pounds*, besides Paper; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 10.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill, as amended, was read the third Time;

Resolved, That said Bill do pass.

The Bill for establishing Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neshaminey* Creek, was read a second Time, and committed.

The House taking into Consideration, that the Publick Stock of this Province, in Hand, is not sufficient for the present Support of the Administration of the Government, and defraying the necessary publick Charges and Exigencies thereof;

Resolved, That on the *Third Day* next, being the thirteenth Instant, this House will resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the most proper Ways and Means for raising a suitable Supply for the Uses aforesaid; at which Time all the Members of this House are desired to give their Attendance; and then the House adjourned till *Second Day* next, being the twelfth Instant, at Four a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Speaker, and following Members met, according to Adjournment, *viz. Benjamin Duffield, Owen Roberts, Isaac Norris, John Roberts, Robert Jones, Joseph Wilcox, Samuel Preston, Francis Yarnall, John Bezor, Caleb Pusey, Nicholas Pile, Nathaniel Newlin, Joseph Baker, Nathaniel Fairlamb*, and *David Llewellin*; but not being a sufficient Number to make a House to proceed on Business, agreed to adjourn till To-morrow Morning. 3d Mo. 12. Post Meridiem. Adjournment.

The Representatives met, and the Speaker produced a written Paper under the Governor's Hand, which was read, as followeth. 3d Mo. 13.

To the REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

'BEING informed that you failed of making a House Yesterday, according to your 'own Adjournment, I am willing to believe the same was not by Design; and there-'fore think fit, if a Quorum be now present, to recommend the Dispatch of publick Af-'fairs before you.'

CHARLES GOOKIN.

Then the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The House, according to Order of the Day, resolved itself into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the most proper Ways and Means for raising a suitable Supply to support the Administration, and defraying the Publick Charges of this Government; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and *Isaac Norris*, Chairman of the said Committee, reports, that they are of Opinion, there is considerably more Publick Stock in Hand than was at first apprehended by the Abstract sent in by the

1712. 3d Mo. 13. the Treaſurer to this Houſe, but that the ſame will neceſſarily want his further Explanation; and therefore moves a Committee be appointed in that Affair; and that, after their Report, the Grand Committee might have Leave to ſit again.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Jeremiah Langhorn*, or as many of them as can attend, be a Committee to inſpect the Publick Accounts of this Province, and lay the State thereof before this Houſe with all convenient Speed; and that the Treaſurer attend at the ſame Time they make their Report.

The Committee appointed the eighth Inſtant to amend four Bills to them referred, report they had compleated the ſame, purſuant to Direction, which were delivered in at the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 14. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd reports, that he had prepared the Bill to him referred, intituled, *An Act for the better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies*, and delivered the ſame in at the Table.

The Clerk reports, he had prepared the Bill, purſuant to the Direction of the Houſe to him, intituled, *An Act for the laying a Duty upon* Negroes *imported into this Province*, which he delivered in at the Table.

The two Bills aboveſaid were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neſhaminey* Creek, was again read, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, re-committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of* Philadelphia *to raiſe Money on the Inhabitants of the ſaid City, for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, was again read by Paragraphs, and debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, re-committed.

A Petition of *Joſeph Growdon*, relating to *Benjamin Chambers*'s Ferry, at *Schuylkill*; alſo a Petition of the Maſter Felt-makers, and Journeymen of the ſaid Trade, deſiring Leave to bring in a Bill; and a Petition of *William Rakeſtraw*, complaining of Hardſhips ſuffered by Fines and Impriſonment, were ſeverally read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Thomas Stackhouſe deſired Leave to be abſent To-morrow, which was granted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the laying a Duty upon* Negroes *imported into this Province*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That it be a Direction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill to include *Indians*, and alter the Title accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for better ſettling the Regiſter's Office*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, committed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill, to adapt the ſame more eſpecially to the Reviving ſuch Debts as were preferred to the Courts, according to Direction of a Law of this Province, paſt in 1705, and not indorſed by the Magiſtrates or Aſſeſſors, and for the Arrearages on Wolves, and title it accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of *Benjamin Chambers* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government*, as amended, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold, and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments*, as amended, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for confirming Patents and Grants*, as amended, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Iſaaac Norris*, and *Owen Roberts*, preſent the three laſt mentioned Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, being the nineteenth Inſtant, at Six a Clock in the Evening.

Adjournment.

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THE Representatives met, and the Speaker acquainted them, that the Governor desired their Attendance, having some Matters of Importance to communicate. 1712. 3d Mo. 20.

And a Quorum being present, they waited on the Governor; who was pleased to make a Speech (a Copy whereof he had obtained) and the same being read, is as followeth.

GENTLEMEN,

'I UNDERSTAND you failed last Night of making a House, according to Adjournment. Governor's Speech.

'I am very sorry any Persons, whom the Country has thought fit to represent them, 'should be so ungrateful to their Electors, who thought them worthy of that Trust, as to 'slight or neglect the Service.

'I understand there are Laws provided against those that are so wilfully negligent: 'I desire they may immediately be put in Execution. And, if there be Occasion, new 'Writs shall forthwith be issued for new Elections.

'I am now obliged to call you thus to acquaint you; that there is lately come over hi-'ther a Repeal of the late Affirmation Act, by which it will behove you to consider and 'provide what may be further necessary on this Occasion.

'I hear some Scruples have been made (by Persons who never fail using any Opportunity 'of embarassing the Publick) as if the Qualifications administred by the Act were now 'void, and that no Magistrate, or other Person, could any longer act till they had taken 'some other.

'I have considered, and taken Advice upon this; and find it so extremely groundless and 'absurd, that I cannot allow any further Debate upon it.

'Therefore must require you to proceed on the Business before you, with your utmost 'Application and Dispatch.'

Then the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker reports, that he, with several other Members, attended Yesterday, according to Adjournment, *viz.* The eight Members of *Chester* County, *Joseph Wilcox*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *Owen Roberts*, *Isaac Norris*, *Robert Jones*, *Samuel Preston*, *Robert Heaton*, and *Samuel Burges*, but not being a Quorum, they concluded to meet again this Morning.

The Queen's Repeal of a late Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act directing an Affirmation to such who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take an Oath*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Isaac Norris reports, That he, with the other Member appointed on the fifteenth Instant, presented the three Bills to the Governor, according to Order; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Robert Jones*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Samuel Baker*, and *Samuel Burges*, be a Committee to amend the Bills, intituled, *An Act for the better ascertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies*; and *A Supplementary Act for settling the Register's Office*, according to the Direction of this House.

Ordered also, That *Isaac Norris*, *John Roberts*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Joseph Baker*, *Thomas Stackhouse*, and *Robert Heaton*, be a Committee to amend the Bills, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province*; and *An Act for establishing and regulating of the Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neshaminey *Creek*, according to the Direction of this House.

Ordered likewise, That *Samuel Preston*, *Joseph Wilcox*, *Owen Roberts*, *John Bezor*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, be a Committee on the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of* Philadelphia *to raise Money on the Inhabitants of the said City, for the Publick Use and Benefit thereof*, according to the Direction of this House.

And that the said Committees report their Proceedings (on the several Bills to them respectively referred) to this House at Three a Clock To-morrow in the Afternoon.

Joseph Wilcox reports from the Committee appointed to inspect the Publick Accounts of this Province in the Treasurer's Hands, that they had been with the Treasurer, according to Order; who has not yet compleated his Accounts, the Collections not being fully perfected; but that there will be in Publick Stock (the said Arrears being paid in) about *Three Hundred Pounds*, over and above reasonable Allowances for Deficiencies; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment.

1712. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

3d Mo. 21. Poſt Meridiem. *David Lloyd*, from the Committee on which he was appointed, reports, the Bills to them referred on the twentieth Inſtant are amended, according to the Directions of this Houſe.

Samuel Preſton, and *Iſaac Norris*, report, from the Committees whereon they were reſpectively appointed the twentieth Inſtant, that the ſaid Committees have made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, but not having finiſhed the ſame, deſired further Time therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committees be continued upon the Bills to them reſpectively referred, and report their Proceedings therein to this Houſe To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 22. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Samuel Preſton, and *Iſaac Norris*, report, from the Committees whereon they were reſpectively continued, by Order of Yeſterday, that the Bills referred to the ſaid Committees on the twentieth Inſtant were finiſhed, according to the Directions of this Houſe, which they delivered in at the Table.

The Petition of *Joſeph Growdon*, relating to the Ferry at *Schuylkill*, and *Benjamin Chambers*'s in anſwer thereunto, were again read, and debated; and the Opinion of this Houſe is, that it is not neceſſary to erect any other Ferry on that Part of the *Schuylkill* beſides *Benjamin Chambers*'s Ferry.

The Petition of the Maſter Felt-makers and Journeymen, relating to their Trade, was again read, and conſidered; and it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that Tradeſmen ought rather to be encouraged than diſcouraged from coming into this Province.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning the Regiſter-General's Office*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of the County Levies*, as laſt amended, were both read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bills do paſs.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 23. The Petition of *Andrew Sandels*, &c. relating to the Ferry at *Benjamin Chambers*'s, on the River *Schuylkill*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing and regulating of Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neſhaminey *Creek*; and alſo the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province*, as amended by the Committee, were both read a third Time.

Reſolved, That ſaid Bills do paſs.

Adjournment. Adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, was read a third Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Adjournment. Adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3d Mo. 24. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, and others, ſetting forth the Damage frequently ſuſtained by great Dogs (being ſuffered to run at large) killing their Sheep, and praying Redreſs in the Premiſes, was read, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, impowering the Mayor and Commonalty of the ſaid City, to make an Ordinance for redreſſing the Grievances aforeſaid.

The Petition of *Andrew Sandels*, &c. relating to the Ferry at *Schuylkill*, was again read, and *Benjamin Chambers*'s Reply thereto;

Ordered, That the Clerk acquaint the ſaid Petitioners, that the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Ferry at *Benjamin Chambers*'s paſt this Houſe before their Petition came in.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will appropriate the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* to be paid the Lieutenant-Governor, towards the Support of the Adminiſtration of this Government, out of the Provincial Stock thereof.

Ordered, That Clerks be appointed to ingroſs theſe ſix Bills, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning the Regiſter-General's Office*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of*

of Philadelphia, *for the Publick Use and Benefit thereof*; the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing and regulating Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neſhaminey *Creek*; and that *Iſaac Norris*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Samuel Preſton*, or ſo many of them as can attend, with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance, be a Committee to examine the ſaid Bills, and preſent the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence. 1712. 3d Mo. 24.

David Lloyd had Leave to be abſent till *Fourth Day* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till next *Second Day*, the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant, at Six a Clock in the Evening. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 26. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Speaker, from the Committee appointed on the Twenty-fourth Inſtant to examine and preſent the ſix Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence, reports, that the ſame was done, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 27.

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *Samuel Preſton*, or ſo many of them as can attend, treat with *Jacob Taylor*, and the other Printers in Town, about the Charge it will require to print the Laws of this Province, and report the ſame to this Houſe this Afternoon.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act appropriating the Publick Stock of this Province, now in the Treaſurer's Hands, or that ſhall hereafter (by Means of the Impoſt Act, or otherwiſe) come to his Hands, until the ſame is complied withal, according to the Direction thereof*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is ſitting, and are ready to receive what he has to lay before this Houſe.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, that he ſhould have ſomething prepared to lay before this Houſe this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Samuel Burges*, or ſo many of them as can attend, with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance, be a Committee to prepare an Affirmation Bill, and bring the ſame to this Houſe in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Five a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to treat with the Printers, report, that they have purſued the Orders of this Houſe, and find, upon the exacteſt Computation, it will require about *One Hundred Pounds* to defray the Charge of Printing five Hundred Volumes of the Laws of this Province.

Reſolved, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *Samuel Preſton*, or ſo many of them as can, from time to time, attend the Service, with the Speaker's Aſſiſtance, be appointed Truſtees, on Behalf of the Province, to employ one or more Perſons in printing five Hundred Volumes of the Laws thereof, and that *Fifty Pounds* of the Provincial Stock ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer as Money comes into his Hands (after the *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Lieutenant Governor, and other Orders of Payment, for the immediate Service of this Houſe, is diſcharged) unto the ſaid Truſtees, towards defraying the Charges aforeſaid; and that what it amounts to more by a true Account of the whole Expence, and due Credit given for the Sales made of the ſaid Books, produced to the Aſſembly for the Time being, the ſame ſhall be a Debt chargeable on this Province, to be paid out of the Publick Stock thereof.

A Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe waits to receive what he has ready to lay before them.

The ſaid Members report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, purſuant to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, Matters could not be fully prepared to lay before the Houſe until To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 28.

The Houſe conſidering the great Neglect of divers delinquent Members that do not regard their Duty, in attending the Service of the Country, for which they were choſen;

Ordered, That the Speaker, with *Owen Roberts*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Samuel Burges*, apply to the Governor (after the Houſe riſes) and requeſt him to appoint an Officer in the Nature of a Sergeant at Arms, to obſerve and obey the Commands of this Houſe.

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1712. 3d Mo. 28. The Speaker reports, that he, with the other Members appointed, addreſſed the Governor, according to Order; and had obtained a Commiſſion for *Joſhua Fincher* to attend the Service of this Houſe.

Thomas Story, and *Robert Aſhton*, Members of Council, on a Meſſage from the Governor, return five of the Bills (preſented for his Concurrence) with the Governor's Propoſals of Amendments thereto, which they delivered to the Speaker, *viz.*

A Bill for the further ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government; a Bill to prevent the Importation of *Negroes* and *Indians* into this Province; a Bill for the Aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies; a Bill concerning the Regiſter-General's Office; and a Bill for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphila*, for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof.

Then the Houſe immediately went upon conſidering the Governor's propoſed Amendments to the ſaid Bills; and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, To go upon the further Conſideration of the ſame this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded upon the further Conſideration of the Governor's Propoſals of Amendments to the five Bills abovementioned, and not being able to go through the ſame,

Reſolved, This Houſe will go upon the further Conſideration of the ſame To-morrow Morning.

Joſeph Wilcox deſired Leave to be abſent To-morrow Morning, which was granted; and

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 29. then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded upon the further Conſideration of the Governor's Propſals of Amendments to the Bills aforementioned, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, deferred the further Conſideration of the ſame to this Afternoon; and then the

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, went upon the further Conſideration of the Governor's Propoſals of Amendments to the five Bills returned from the Council-board, and finiſhed the ſame.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence*; and the Bill, intituled, *An Act appropriating the Publick Stock of this Province now in the Treaſurer's Hands, or that ſhall hereafter (by Means of the Impoſt Act, or otherwiſe) come to his Hands, until the ſame is complied withal according to the Direction thereof*; were ſeverally read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the laſt mentioned Bill, to alter the Title thereof, and make it, *A Supplement to the former Impoſt Act, and to appropriate certain Sums of the Publick Stock of this Province*; and that the Speaker, and *David Lloyd*, be a Committee to amend the ſaid Bill accordingly, and return the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for reducing and ſettling the Wages of Aſſembly of this Province*, was read, and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be ordered a ſecond Reading? *It paſt in the Negative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 30. a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Samuel Preſton* do preſent the ſaid Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence.

The ſaid Member returned, and reports, he delivered the ſame accordingly.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Samuel Burges*, preſent to the Governor the five Bills, with the Amendments thereto, as agreed to and finiſhed Yeſterday.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that they had delivered the ſame to the Governor accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Impoſt Act, laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Rum, Wine, Spirits, Cyder and Veſſels, and appropriating certain Sums of Money ariſing by the ſame, and other Publick Stock of this Province*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

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David Lloyd produced an Account, by which there appears *Fifteen Pounds, One Shilling, and Four-pence*, due to him, and the same was allowed by this House.

Joseph Wilcox produced an Order, signed by *David Lloyd*, Speaker, for *Six Pounds, One Shilling* and *Six-pence*, for immediate Service in a former Assembly, and the same was also allowed; and then the House adjourned till *Second Day* next (being the Second of the *Fourth Month*) at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. *3d Mo. 30.* Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *4th Mo. 2. Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, and *David Llewellin*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the Assembly is sitting, and request his Dispatch of the Bills now before him.

The said Members return, and report, that the Governor would call a Council To-morrow Morning to consider the said Bills; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *4th Mo. 3.*

Nicholas Fairlamb had Leave to be absent, his Mother-in-Law being lately deceased.

The House considering that the Bills before the Governor will not be dispatched before the Afternoon, adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Stackhouse*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, the House is met, and desire to know his Pleasure concerning the Bills now before him.

The said Members return, and report, that the Governor was not at Home.

Griffith Owen, and *James Logan*, Members of Council, on a Message from the Governor, return the several Bills following, with the Governor's Proposals of Amendments thereto, which they delivered to the Speaker, *viz.*

A Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence.*

A Bill for the further securing the Administration of the Government.

A Bill for confirming Patents and Grants.

A Bill for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold, and lett Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.

A Bill concerning the Register-General's Office.

A Bill for the better ascertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies.

A Bill to prevent the Importation of *Negroes* and *Indians* into this Province.

A Bill for establishing the Lower Ferry on the River *Schuylkill*.

A Bill for establishing and regulating Ferries over *Delaware* River and *Neshaminey* Creek.

A Bill for raising Money on the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Publick Use and Benefit thereof.

Then the House went upon the Consideration of the said Amendments, and, after some Time spent therein, agreed to proceed further on the same To-morrow; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment. *4th Mo. 4.*

The House, according to Order, went upon the further Consideration of the Governor's proposed Amendments to the Bills returned to this House Yesterday; and, after some Time spent therein, some were finished, and others, which the House could not concede to, were referred to be debated in a Conference when the Governor shall think fit to appoint the same.

Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, and *Caleb Pusey*, wait upon the Governor, and request him to admit a Conference this Morning on those propos'd Amendments which this House have not conceded to.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleased to appoint Four a Clock this Afternoon for a Conference on the said Bills, to be held at the Council-chamber.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd, Joseph Wilcox, Caleb Pusey, Nicholas Pile, Thomas Stackhouse, Samuel Baker*, and *Samuel Preston*, or so many of them as can attend, with the Speaker's Assistance, be a Committee to attend the said Conference, and make Report of their Proceedings therein to this House To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *4th Mo. 5.*

The Speaker reports, that he, with the Committee appointed, attended the Conference accord-

1712. 4*th Mo.* 5. according to Order, where the Subject Matter, objected in the ſeveral Bills, was largely debated, and three of them, *viz.* The Bill for the better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies; the Bill for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof; and the Bill concerning the Regiſter-General's Office, were left with the Governor to be further conſidered; and the Bill confirming Patents and Grants, was returned, to be further conſider'd by this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Samuel Preſton*, and *Samuel Burges*, preſent to the Governor's View the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Impoſt Act, laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Rum*, *Wine*, *Spirits*, *Cyder and Veſſels*, *and appropriating certain Sums of Money ariſing by the ſame, and other Publick Stock of this Province*, and requeſt his Diſpatch of the ſame, with what other Bills lie before him, to this Houſe, in order to be ingroſſed.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, and the Bill, to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had ſent for the Council, in order further to adviſe upon the Bills now before him.

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, *John Bezor*, and *Thomas Stackhouſe*, be a Committee to collect the Number of Days each Member has been abſent, during the Sitting of this Aſſembly, as the ſame is noted in the Journal of this Houſe.

Samuel Carpenter, *Thomas Story*, *James Logan*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Members of Council, on a Meſſage, return the four Bills from the Governor, *viz.* The Bill, intituled, *An Act for better aſcertaining the Publick Debt, and collecting the Arrearages of County Levies*; the Bill for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof; the Bill concerning the Regiſter-General's Office; and the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Impoſt Act, laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Rum*, *Wine*, *Spirits*, *Cyder and Veſſels*, with ſome Propoſals, to be further conſidered by the Houſe, which they ſpoke to, and delivered the ſaid Bills to the Speaker.

To the Bill for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof, the Governor propos'd in the Conference, that the ſaid Bill be ſeparated, and made two Bills, which was conceded to; and this Houſe orders that the ſame be altered accordingly; and that the Title of the ſecond Bill be, *For the better Government of the City of* Philadelphia; which being done in the Houſe, was approved.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Iſaac Norris*, be a Committee to amend the Bill for Confirming Patents and Grants, purſuant to the Direction of this Houſe, as the ſame was agreed to on the Conference Yeſterday, and report the ſame this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, and *Samuel Preſton*, be a Committee to amend the Bill concerning the Regiſter-General's Office, purſuant to the Direction of this Houſe, and as propoſed on the Conference Yeſterday, and report the ſame this Afternoon.

Ordered, That Clerks be forthwith appointed by the Speaker to ingroſs the Bills which have paſſed this Houſe, and have obtained the Governor's Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Owen Roberts reports, from the Committee appointed to collect the Number of Days each Member has been abſent during the Sitting of this Houſe, that they have finiſhed the ſame, which they delivered in at the Table.

Caleb Puſey, and *Samuel Preſton*, report, that they had finiſhed the Bill to them committed, according to the Direction of this Houſe, which they delivered in at the Table.

David Lloyd reports, from the Committee appointed to amend the Bill confirming Patents and Grants, that the ſame was finiſhed, according to Order.

And the ſaid Bills, as amended, being read, were approved, and ordered to be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 4*th Mo.* 6. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare Tickets for the Speaker to ſign, of the Number of Days each Member hath attended the Service of this preſent Aſſembly.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Samuel Preſton*, preſent the Bill, intituled, *An Act confirming Patents and Grants*; and the Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Impoſt Act, laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Rum*, *Wine*, *Spirits*, *Cyder and Veſſels*, *and appropriating certain Sums of Money*, *ariſing by the ſame*, *and other Publick Stock of this Province*, to the Governor for his Peruſal, and requeſt his ſpeedy Return of the ſame for ingroſſing; and, if he pleaſes, to appoint ſome Members of Council to join with Members of Aſſembly to examine the ingroſſed Bills with the original Copies.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, with the Bills, to the Governor; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſpeak to ſome Members of Council to attend this Afternoon as propoſed.

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Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, and *Joseph Wilcox*, prepare an humble Address to the Queen, acknowledging the Benefits of her gentle Government to all her loving Subjects in this Province, and craving her favourable Construction upon the Laws pass'd this Session.

Ordered, That *Caleb Pusey*, and *Samuel Preston*, prepare an Address to the Proprietary, to accompany the said Laws, with the Thanks of this House for his continued Care towards the Inhabitants of this Province, requesting his favourable Assistance in negotiating the twelve Laws pass'd this Assembly; and that the said Committees bring the Addresses to this House To-morrow Morning.

Robert Asheton brought in his Account as Clerk of the Council, for which he charges *Twenty Pounds per* Year, and this House allows *Fifteen Pounds per* Year, which, with the other Province Charges, comes to *Forty-four Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, being allowed by the House, was ordered to be certified by the Clerk, and returned to the said Clerk of the Council.

David Lloyd, *Joseph Wilcox*, and *John Roberts*, move for themselves and *Peter Rambo*, that the Speaker may issue Tickets of the Time they have served respectively on former Assemblies, for which they have not been allowed; and a Motion being made, and the Question put, that the same be certified under the Speaker's Hand? *It past in the Affirmative.*

And the Speaker accordingly signed these following Tickets.

John Roberts 58 Days, in the Years 1708 and 1709, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day, — —	£ 13 1 0		
Ditto, 25 Days, in the Years 1709 and 1710, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day,	5 12 6		
		£ 18 13 6	
David Lloyd 66 Days, in the Years 1708 and 1709, at 7s. 6d. *per* Day, — — —	24 15 0		
Ditto, 27 Days, in the Years 1709 and 1710, at 7s. 6d. *per* Day,	10 2 6		
		34 17 6	
Joseph Wilcox 65 Days, in the Years 1708 and 1709, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day, — — —	14 12 6		
Ditto, 27 Days, in the Years 1709 and 1710, at 4s. 6. *per* Day,	6 1 6		
		20 14 0	
Peter Rambo 24 Days, in the Years 1709 and 1710, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day, — — —		5 8 0	
		£ 79 13 0	

Jonathan Dickinson, and *James Logan*, returned the Bill for confirming Patents and Grants, with some Proposals of Amendments thereto, which they delivered to the Speaker; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 4th Mo. 7.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The House went upon the Consideration of the Amendments proposed to the Bill for confirming Patents and Grants; and having finished the same according to the Mind of this House,

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

The Speaker reports, that the Bills are all ingrossed, according to Order; and the same being examined by *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Robert Asheton*, Members of Council, *John Bezor*, and *David Llewellin*, Members of Assembly, prove true.

The Clerk, according to Order, delivered the Tickets prepared for the respective Members Service, in this present Assembly, *viz.*

City & County of Philad.: *Richard Hill*, Speaker, 35 Days, at 7s. 6d. *per* Day,	£ 13 2 6		
Samuel Preston 30 Days, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day, —	6 15 0		
Edward Farmar 18 Days, at Ditto, —	4 1 0		
Benjamin Duffield 30 Days, at Ditto, —	6 15 0		
Owen Roberts 35 Days, at Ditto, —	7 17 6		
David Lloyd 29 Days, at Ditto, —	6 10 6		
Isaac Norris 32 Days, at Ditto, —	7 4 0		
John Roberts 34 Days, at Ditto, —	7 13 0		
Robert Jones 35 Days, at Ditto, —	7 17 6		
Joseph Wilcox 34 Days, at Ditto,	7 13 0		
		£ 75 9 0	
Carried over		£ 75 9 0	

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			Brought over	£ 75	9 0
Chester County.	*Francis Yarnall* 35 Days, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day,	£	7 17 6		
	John Bezor 35 Days, at Ditto,		7 17 6		
	Nicholas Pile 32 Days, at Ditto,		7 4 0		
	Nathaniel Newlin 35 Days, at Ditto,		7 17 6		
	Joseph Baker 35 Days, at Ditto,		7 17 6		
	Nicholas Fairlamb 30 Days, at Ditto,		6 15 0		
	David Llewellin 35 Days, at Ditto,		7 17 6		
	Caleb Pusey 35 Days, at Ditto,		7 17 6		
				61	4 0
Bucks County.	*Jeremiah Langhorn* 7 Days, at 4s. 6d. *per* Day,		1 11 6		
	Thomas Stevenson 6 Days, at Ditto,		1 7 0		
	William Biles 4 Days, at Ditto,		0 18 0		
	Samuel Burges 33 Days, at Ditto,		7 8 6		
	Thomas Stackhouse 23 Days, at Ditto,		5 3 6		
	Joshua Hoopes 15 Days, at Ditto,		3 7 6		
	Robert Heaton 16 Days, at Ditto,		3 12 0		
	Samuel Baker 26 Days, at Ditto,		5 17 0		
				29	5 0
		Total	£	165	18 0

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſaid Tickets, and deliver or ſend the ſame to the reſpective Members to whom they belong, by Members of the ſame Counties.

Thomas Wilſon, Clerk of this preſent Aſſembly, produced his Account, amounting to *Ten Pounds*, which was allowed by this Houſe.

Nicholas Roſogan, Door-keeper to this Aſſembly, produced his Account, amounting to *Four Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *Sixpence*, which was allowed by this Houſe.

The Speaker produced an Account of Sundries by him expended for the Uſe of this Houſe, *viz.* Paper, Wood and Candles, and to the Meſſenger for ſerving Summonſes, Sum *Two Pounds Ten Shillings*, which was allowed.

Iſaac Norris, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, brought in the Addreſs to the Queen, by them prepared, which was read, and approved.

Caleb Puſey, and *Samuel Preſton*, brought in the Addreſs to the Proprietary, by them prepared, which was read, and approved.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſſes be ingroſſed, and that the Speaker ſign Duplicates thereof, and remit them to the Proprietary, requeſting his favourable Repreſentation of our Laws paſſed this Seſſion, with the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Queen.

Thomas Story ſends his Account of Charges againſt this Province, Sum *Twenty-eight Pounds*, *Four Shillings*, and *Two-pence Half-penny*, which the Houſe took into Conſideration, and have noted ſundry Articles which cannot be allowed as proper Charges on the Publick, amounting to *Eight Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Farthing*; the Remainder, *Nineteen Pounds*, *Eighteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence Farthing*, is allowed, and the Clerk ordered to certify the ſame.

Thomas Bourden, as Meſſenger and Door-keeper to the Governor and Council, prays the Allowance of his Account, Sum *Five Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, which was read, and the ſame being certified by the Clerk of the Council, was allowed, and ordered that the Clerk certify the ſame.

Ordered, That the Clerk forthwith prepare Notes or Orders for Payment of theſe following Accounts (allowed by this Aſſembly.)

To the Truſtees appointed (the Twenty-ſeventh of the *Third Month*) to get the Laws printed, or to the Speaker, for that Uſe and Purpoſe,	£	50	0 0
To *David Lloyd*, as *per* his Account, allowed the Thirtieth of the *Third Month*,		15	1 4
To *Joſeph Wilcox*, *per* Ditto, the ſame Day,		6	1 6
To the Speaker, *per* Ditto, allowed this Day,		2	10 0
To *Thomas Wilſon*, Clerk, *per* Ditto, allowed this Day,		10	0 0
To *Nicholas Roſogan*, Door-keeper, *per* Ditto, allowed this Day,		4	7 6
To *Thomas Bourden*, as *per* Ditto, allowed this Day,		5	5 0
	£	93	5 4

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Orders of Payment upon the Provincial Treaſurer for the ſame, Sum *Ninety-three Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, to the Parties reſpectively concerned, to be paid out of the Publick Stock of this Province, after the firſt *Two Hundred*

dred and *Fifty Pounds* is paid to the Lieutenant-Governor, and take up and cancel all the said Accounts as the Orders are issued. 1712.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare a List of the Titles of the twelve Bills pass'd this House this Session for the Speaker to carry up with the Bills when this House waits upon the Governor to pass the same, which was forthwith done, and is as followeth, 4th Mo. 7.

1. The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence.*

2. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the securing the Administration of Government.*

3. The Bill, intituled, *An Act confirming Patents and Grants.*

4. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold, and lett Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.*

5. The Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning the Register-General's Office.*

6. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for better ascertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrearages of the County Levies.*

7. The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province.*

8. The Bill, intituled, *An Act establishing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill.

9. The Bill, intituled, *An Act establishing and regulating Ferries over* Delaware *River and* Neshaminey *Creek.*

10. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raising Money on the Inhabitants of* Philadelphia *City, for the Publick Use and Benefit thereof.*

11. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Government of the City of* Philadelphia.

12. The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to an Impost Act, laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Wine, Rum, Spirits, Cyder and Vessels, and appropriating certain Sums of Money arising by the same, and other Publick Stock of this Province.*

The House considering that there will not be Publick Stock enough in the Treasurer's Hands, after other Orders of this House for Payments are complied withal, thinks fit to postpone the Order issued for the Charge of Printing until the *Five Hundred Pounds*, given to the Lieutenant-Governor, and all other intermediate Orders of this House are paid; and accordingly it is

Ordered, That the Trustees, appointed to get the Laws printed, may take up Money at Interest to defray the Charges thereof, which shall be allowed a Debt upon this Province, to be discharged with the first Publick Money that comes to the Treasurer's Hands, after the aforesaid Payments are discharged, and that the Note issued for the said *Fifty Pounds* be made payable accordingly.

Ordered, That the two Addresses of this House to the Queen and Proprietary be both read, when the Assembly attends the Governor in order to pass the Bills.

Ordered, That *Caleb Pusey*, *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Burges*, wait upon the Governor, and request him to appoint the Time and Place where the Assembly shall attend him, in order to pass the Bills.

The said Members return, and report, the Governor acquainted them, he would summon a Council, in order to pass the Bills this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Nicholas Pile*, and *Owen Roberts*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, the House is met, and ready to attend him, in order to pass the Bills; also to enquire of the Secretary for the last Part of the Bill confirming Patents and Grants.

The said Members return, and report, they spoke with the Secretary; who said the Governor would be ready to receive this House in a little Time; and that the Bill, confirming Patents and Grants, should be sent to the House immediately.

An Address of *James Logan*, setting forth sundry Disbursements by him made for the Publick Use, as *per* his Accounts, amounting to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Nineteen Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*, Old Currency, and *Five Pounds*, *Nine Shillings*, and *Two Pence*, New Currency, the whole, this Money, *Ninety-five Pounds*, *Six Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, which was read, and allowed, and ordered that the Clerk certify the same thereon.

Resolved, That this House will, forthwith, attend the Governor, in order to pass the twelve Bills into Laws, by the several Titles as entered on the Journal this Morning, which the Speaker is desired to take up with him in order thereto.

The Speaker reports, that he, with the whole House, attended the Governor; who was pleased to pass the aforesaid twelve Laws; and that he had delivered to the Governor for his View the two Addresses of this House, according to Order, wherewith he expressed a Satisfaction.

Ordered, That *Isaac Norris*, *Owen Roberts*, *Samuel Preston*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Nicholas Pile*,

1712. 4th Mo. 7. *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *Samuel Burges*, accompany the Members of Council, whom the Governor ſhall appoint, to ſee the Great Seal of the Province affixed to the ſaid Laws.

And then the Speaker gave the Thanks of the Houſe to the Governor for his favourable Conceſſion in paſſing theſe Laws, expreſſing the ſame to be as great a Satisfaction to the Aſſembly as it was hoped to be a Benefit to the People; and further ſignified to the Governor, that the Houſe had not adjourned to any Day, but ſubmitted intirely to his Diſcretion, if Occaſion be, to call the Aſſembly again before the Year was out; and ſo the General Aſſembly broke up, and this Seſſion ended.

RICHARD HILL, Speaker.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1712.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the reſpective Sheriffs Returns, bearing Date the firſt Day of the *Eighth Month*, *Anno* 1712, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Samuel Preſton,	*Caleb Puſey*,	*Joſeph Kirkbride*,
Robert Jones,	*David Lloyd*,	*John Sotcher*,
Iſaac Norris,	*William Davis*,	*Thomas Watſon*,
Richard Hill,	*Nicholas Fairlamb*,	*Thomas Stevenſon*,
Edmond Orpwood,	*John Wood*,	*Samuel Burges*,
Benjamin Duffield,	*George Harlan*,	*Stoffel Vanſand*,
George Roach,	*Iſaac Taylor*,	*John Snowdon*,
Clement Plumſted.	*John Maries*.	*John Froſt*.

City of Philadelphia.
Jonathan Dickinſon, *Thomas Maſters*.

1712. 8th Mo. 14. THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, met at the Court Houſe in the City of *Philadelphia*, and being a Quorum, as the Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded and choſe *Iſaac Norris*, Eſq; to be their Speaker.

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *Thomas Maſters*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives had met according to the Charter, and had proceeded to chuſe a Speaker, and deſire to know when he would be pleaſed to receive this Houſe, in order to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that the Governor had appointed To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock to receive the Houſe, with their Speaker; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15. The Houſe met according to Adjournment; and then the Members being called over by the Sheriffs Returns of each County of this Province, theſe preſent ſubſcribed the Qualifications according to Law, the ſame being read to them with an audible Voice, *viz. Iſaac Norris*, Speaker, *Richard Hill*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Robert Jones*, *Edmund Orpwood*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Caleb Puſey*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *John Wood*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *George Harlan*, *David Lloyd*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Thomas Watſon*, *John Sotcher*, *John Snowdon*, *John Froſt*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Stoffel Vanſand*.

A Meſſage to the Governor by *Nicholas Fairlamb* and *Thomas Stevenſon*, that the Houſe is met, and being qualified according to Law, is ready to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor in Half an Hour would be at Leiſure to receive them with their Speaker.

The Clerk of the Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted this Houſe, that the Governor is ready to receive them.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith wait on the Governor, in order to preſent their Speaker; and accordingly the Houſe went to attend the Governor, and preſented their Speaker, who being approved, the Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, and had given him a Copy thereof, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſame being read, is as followeth.

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GENTLEMEN,

'THE Proprietary, in a late Letter to a Member of the Council, has signify'd his In- 1712.
'tentions of surrendering the Government in a few Months, and I have Reason to *8th Mo.* 15.
'believe I shall not be continued under the Crown; therefore I have the less to propose to Governor's
'you: But if you can think how I can serve the Publick during the little Time I may be Speech.
'in the Administration, I shall be very ready to do it.

'What I have to offer is that, for the Credit of the Province, you would take such Mea-
'sures that the *Two Thousand Pounds* granted to the Queen may be punctually paid when
'demanded; and that the Debts which the late Assemblies have allowed may be honourably
'discharged, for which it is to be doubted there is no sufficient Fund provided.

'And among these (Gentlemen) I hope the *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, Part of the
'Sum granted to me, may not be made a postpon'd Debt on the Province.

'That the Debts on Account of *Indian* Treaties ought to be forthwith paid, I believe
'you will allow; as also the Necessity of sending these strange *Indians* now in Town away
'well satisfied.

'They have proposed, in Behalf of the *Five Nations*, to establish a free and open Trade
'between them and us for the future, which I believe will well deserve your Encourage-
'ment.

'Gentlemen, as the first Assembly I met had a Regard to the Charge of my coming
'over, so I hope you, Gentlemen, who in all Probability will be the last I shall meet, will
'have some Consideration of the Charge of my going back, since my great End in it is to
'wipe off the Calumny thrown on me for passing some Acts the People thought necessary;
'and otherwise my Endeavours to serve the Proprietary and the Publick.

'Now after all I can hope for, and my Administration over, I shall find myself a great
'Loser by coming to *Pennsylvania*; but this is a melancholy Subject, at least to me, and I
'shall wave it, and only wish that every Member of this Assembly would make my Case
'his own, and then lay our Saviour's great Rule to Mankind before him.'

Stoffell Vansand desired Leave of the House to be absent until *Second Day* next; which was granted.

Jonathan Dickinson, *Caleb Pusey*, *Richard Hill*, and *Joseph Kirkbride*, were appointed to draw up an Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech.

Thomas Masters, and *Nicholas Fairiamb*, were appointed to acquaint the Treasurer, that this House will expect a State of the publick Accounts from him, and desire to know when he can be ready, and make their Report this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to draw up an Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech, report, that they had prepared an Address accordingly, which they delivered in at the Table; and the same being read (after some Amendments) was agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

WE the Delegates of the Freemen of this Province of Pennsylvania, *in Assembly met, having read and considered thy Speech to us this Day, do find ourselves in Duty bound to answer the same in the several Parts thereof to the best of our Power.* Assembly's Address, in answer to the Governor's Speech.

And in order thereunto, we shall appoint a Committee to inspect the publick Accounts of this Province, and prepare Matters for the better Dispatch of Business at our next Meeting.

The Circumstances of the Representatives being such, that they find it will be a great Inconvenience to their Affairs to attend at this Season, we therefore propose to adjourn to the Fifteenth Day of December *next, unless the Governor shall see Cause to call us sooner; and we are of Opinion that such a Time of Adjournment will be no Prejudice to the Affairs of the Province, nor the Matters proposed to us by the Governor.*

We find there is a Law impowering the Governor and Council effectually to supply the Treaties with the Indians; *but if Money be at present wanting, this House is so hearty for a good Correspondence with them, that if the Governor will be pleased to name the Sum now wanted upon the present Occasion, this House will take it into Consideration, and allow a suitable Supply forthwith by Vote, to be a publick Debt of this Province for that Service.*

Ordered, That it be ingrossed, and *Richard Hill*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Jonathan Dickinson*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, present the same to the Governor To-morrow Morning.

This House being informed that *Samuel Burges*, returned a Representative for the County of *Bucks*, by Indisposition of Body, is unable to attend the Service of this House:

Ordered,

1712. *Ordered*, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Thomas Watſon*, do deſire the Secretary to make out a Writ for electing a new Member in his Room.

8th Mo. 15. The Members appointed on the Meſſage to the Treaſurer report, that his Anſwer is, he ſhall be ready at any Time when the Aſſembly ſhall require to lay the Accounts before this Houſe; but that being engaged, by the Governor's Orders, to wait on him in Council with the ſame To-morrow Morning, deſires the Houſe will be pleaſed not to appoint it at that Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 16. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Thomas Stevenſon and *Thomas Watſon* report, that the Secretary had promiſed to make out a Writ for electing a new Member in the Room of *Samuel Burges*, according to the Requeſt of this Houſe.

The Members appointed to preſent the Addreſs of this Houſe, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech, return, and report, that they had delivered the ſame accordingly; and that the Governor will let the Houſe hear from him as ſoon as he can get a Couucil.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, or any three of them, be a Committee to inſpect the Publick Accounts of this Province during the Receſs of this Houſe, and make their Report at the next Sitting.

George Roach, a Member elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia* appeared, and having ſubſcribed the Qualification required by Law, took his Place in the Houſe.

A Motion being made, that in regard there is great Probability of Inconveniencies ariſing to the Inhabitants of this Province, by Reaſon of the frequent Offers of pleading the Statute of Limitation, *Anno* 21, *Jacobi* I. and praying that a Bill might be brought in to prevent ſuch Inconveniencies;

Ordered, That *Richard Hill* do prepare the ſame, and may take the Aſſiſtance of a Perſon ſkilled in the Law, and the Charge ſhall be allowed by this Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Thomas Story*, Members of Council, acquainting this Houſe, that there is in Diſburſe about *Fifty* or *Sixty Pounds* for the *Indians*, over and above the yearly Allowance of *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, and all Preſents from them being firſt deducted; and that the Governor agrees with the propoſed Adjournment of this Houſe, *viz.* to the Fifteenth of *December* next.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Ballance due on the Foot of the *Indian* Treaties, not exceeding *Sixty Pounds*, ſhall be allowed as a publick Debt of this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fifteenth of *December* next.

Adjournment.

10th Mo. 15. THE Houſe met, purſuant to the laſt Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

William Davis, and *John Maries*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*, appeared, and having ſubſcribed the Qualifications preſcribed by Law, took their Places in the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Samuel Preſton*, and *Caleb Puſey*, be ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe is met, according to laſt Adjournment; but conſidering the Seaſon of the Year continues open, it will be very inconvenient to many of the Members to ſit at preſent; and therefore the Houſe is inclined to adjourn till this Day Four-weeks.

Adjournment.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor concurs with the Houſe in their ſaid intended Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day*, being the twelfth Day of the *Eleventh Month* next.

1712-13. THE Houſe met, purſuant to the laſt Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11th Mo. 12. *John Swift*, elected and returned to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, in the Room of *Samuel Burges*, by Virtue of a Writ, bearing Date the tenth Day of *December*, appeared, and having ſubſcribed the Qualification preſcribed by Law, took his Place in the Houſe.

Nicholas Fairlamb, and *Robert Jones*, having been ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe was met according to Adjournment, return, and report, that they were at his Houſe; but that the Governor was not at Home; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared:

Nicholas Fairlamb, and *Robert Jones*, having been with a Meſſage to the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe was met, and was ready to receive any Thing which he might be pleaſed to offer them, return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor; who anſwered,

swered, that he had no new Matter to lay before the House, but desired them to consider of the Matters in his last Speech he had recommended to them. 1712-13. 11th Mo. 13.

The said Speech of the Governor was read, with the Address of this House in answer thereto.

Richard Hill, pursuant to a Minute of the Sixteenth of the *Eighth Month*, presented to the House a Draught of a Bill, intituled, *An Act for Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding of Suits in Law.*

The said Bill was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Committee appointed (by the Minute aforementioned) to inspect the Publick Accounts, report, that the Treasurer's Accounts were ready to be laid before this House when they shall be pleased to call for the same.

The same Committee is continued to bring in the Treasurer's Accounts in Writing; as also an Account, as far as can be had, of what remains in Arrear upon the Taxes or Impost in the Officers, Collectors, or any other Persons Hands.

It being agreed that the Printing the Laws of this Province is necessary,

William Davis, *Samuel Preston*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, are appointed a Committee to treat with any Printer, or other Person or Persons of this City, about the Charge and Method of Printing the said Laws, and bring their Proposals in Writing to this House.

Divers * Rules approved by former Assemblies, and entered in the Journals of this House were read, and agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.*

Also a Rule for obliging the Members to a due Attendance, under the Penalties mentioned in the Minute of the Thirtieth of the *Second Month* last, was read, and agreed to by the House.

Edmund Orpwood desired Leave to be absent till To-morrow, which was granted.

Richard Hill, *Thomas Masters*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *Caleb Pusey*, *David Lloyd*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, are appointed a Committee to inspect the Laws of this Province, and bring to this House a List of such as they find have been repealed, and to consider of what Laws may be necessary for the Good of this Province; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning, at which Time all Committees are to attend. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 14.

Richard Hill, from the Committee of Accounts, brought in an Abstract of the Publick Accounts, pursuant to the Minute of Yesterday, and also the Treasurer's Books to prove the same.

The House immediately proceeded in the Examination of the said Accounts, and made some Progress therein.

In order that the House may proceed further in the Examination of the said Accounts this Afternoon,

Ordered, That the Treasurer have Notice then to attend; and since there appears to be a considerable Part of the former Taxes in Arrear, this House desires his Information where the Defects lie.

Thomas Stevenson desired Leave to be absent this Week upon extraordinary Occasions, which was granted; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Treasurer, according to Order, attended the House.

The House resolved itself into a Grand Committee, in order further to proceed in the Examination of the Publick Accounts, and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *Jonathan Dickinson*, Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had examined the Treasurer concerning his Accounts and the Arrearages; and desired the said Committee may have Leave to sit again To-morrow Morning, in order to perfect their Enquiry, and make Report thereupon; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called over, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 15.

The House resolved into a Grand Committee to proceed further in the Examination of the Publick Accounts, and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *Jonathan Dickinson*, Chairman of the said Committee, reports, that they have read and considered the Law for raising *Two-pence per Pound*, and *Eight Shillings per* Head; as also the Law for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, and finding that there are Arrearages of the former Act in Danger to be lost, and that some Part of the latter Act may be eluded; therefore the said Committee resolved, that a Supplementary Act is necessary to inforce the Execution of the said Acts, and gather all Arrearages.

* These Rules are verbatim the same as in the first printed Votes, Part II. Page 2. *Anno*, 1703.

1712-13. The Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe agrees with the Committee? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

11*th Mo.* 15. *Reſolved*, That a Supplementary Bill be brought in, for the more effectual putting thoſe recited Acts in Execution, and collecting the Arrears due thereon.

A former Act, intituled, *An Act impowering Commiſſioners to compel the Collecting of all Arrearages of former Taxes*, which is ſome Time ſince expired, was read.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe may be inſerted in the ſaid Bill for reviving the ſaid expired Act, and more effectual collecting the ſaid Arrears.

John Swift and *John Snowdon* deſired Leave to be abſent this Afternoon; which was granted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Three, P. M.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to treat with the Printer, *&c.* about the Charge and Method of Printing the Laws of this Province, brought in a Propoſal in Writing from *Jacob Taylor*, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Richard Hill, and *Caleb Puſey*, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Laws of this Province, report, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired further Time may be allowed them for that Service; which was granted.

The Queſtion being put, whether there is a Neceſſity to raiſe Money for the Exigencies of this Government, referring the Sum, Time of Payment, and Manner of raiſing it, to the further Conſideration of the Houſe? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Grand Committee, to conſider of Ways and Means of raiſing Money purſuant to the Vote of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 16. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means of raiſing Money to anſwer the Exigencies of this Government; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *Richard Hill*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, *viz.* That towards raiſing Money for the Service aforeſaid, there be laid a Duty of Exciſe as followeth, *viz.*

That on every Barrel of Beer, Ale and Cyder, retailed, there ſhall be paid the Sum of *Two Shillings*; on every Gallon of Rum and Spirits, ſold by Retail, *Four-pence*; and on every Gallon of Wine, ſold by Retail, *Six-pence*; and the ſaid ſeveral Duties to continue for one Year from the tenth of *March* next, and no longer; which being recommended by the Speaker to the Conſideration of the Houſe, they came to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

That for every Gallon of Wine, Rum and Spirits, ſold by Retail, there ſhall be paid *Four-pence*; and for every Gallon of Beer, Ale and Cyder, ſold by Retail, *One Penny*; the ſaid ſeveral Duties to continue for one Year, from the Tenth of *March* next, and no longer; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Three this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of *Mary Beavon*, deſiring Leave to ſell her Houſe and Ground, in order to pay her Huſband's Debts, and Legacies to her Five Children, was read;

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition be referred to a Committee, and *Thomas Maſters*, *Samuel Preſton*, and *David Lloyd*, were appointed a Committee, who are impowered to examine the Petitioner, and enquire into the Certainty of her Allegations, and make Report thereof to the Houſe.

The Petition of *Mordecai Howell*, of *Cheſter*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do enquire of *Robert Aſheton*, whether *Mordecai Howell* hath been denied a *Habeas Corpus*, or any other remedial Writ, as he alledges in his ſaid Petition, and make their Report to the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded further in the Conſideration of Ways and Means for raiſing Money for the Exigencies of the Government.

Reſolved, That any Perſon or Perſons ſelling Wine in any Veſſel leſs than a Quarter Caſk, or Rum, Spirits, Beer, Ale or Cyder, in leſs Quantity than a Barrel, ſhall be liable to pay the Duties intended to be laid by the Vote of the Houſe this Morning.

Ordered, that a Bill be brought in for raiſing Money to anſwer the Exigencies of the Government upon the Reſolutions beforementioned, and that *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *John Wood*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Caleb Puſey*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill for a Supplementary Act to the Act, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a Supply of* Two-pence per Pound, *and* Eight Shillings per *Head*; and alſo to the Act, intituled, *An Act impowering Commiſſioners to compel the Collecting of all Arrearages of former Taxes*; and to the

the Act for raising *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use, by a Tax of *Five-pence Half-penny per Pound*, and *Twenty Shillings per* Head. 1712-13.

Thomas Masters, and *Clement Plumsted*, report, that they had, pursuant to the Order of this House, enquired of *Robert Assheton*, who informed them that *Mordecai Howell*'s Son had about a Year ago desired a Writ of Error of him, on Behalf of his Father, but had brought him no Instructions from the Court of *Chester* for the Drawing of it. *11th Mo.* 16.

Ordered, That the Clerk do draw out a fair Copy of the Minutes of this last Session, and the Speaker is desired to examine, and publish the same in the Coffee-house.

Nicholas Fairlamb is appointed to acquaint *Mordecai Howell* with *Robert Assheton*'s Answer, relating to the Writ of Error demanded as aforesaid; and then the House adjourned to the second Day of the *Twelfth Month*. Adjournment.

THE House met, pursuant to the last Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. And then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 2. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12thMo.* 3.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Allegations of *Mary Beavon*'s Petition, report, that they had made some Progress therein, and desired further Time may be allowed them to finish the same; which was granted.

Richard Hill, from the Committee appointed to inspect the Laws of this Province, brought in a List of all such Laws as they apprehend are in Force; as also of such as are or have been repealed; together with a Proposal of such Amendments in the Laws, and for some new Ones, as the said Committee were of Opinion would be necessary for the Good of the Province; which said Lists and Proposals were read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Richard Hill, *George Roach*, *Caleb Pusey*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, having been sent on a Message to the Governor, to acquaint him that the House is met, and ready to proceed on Business, and to desire to know whether he hath any thing to lay before the House, and particularly in relation to the Reports now current, about the Death of Governor *Penn*; the said Members return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor, who informed them, that he had no written certain Notice of Governor *Penn*'s Death, but the uncertain Report of a Sailor.

The Petition of *Robert Lidderdale*, and *John M'William*, desiring to be freed from paying Duties on four Hogsheads of Rum, imported in *September* last, was read;

Ordered, That the Petitioners be acquainted, that the House is of Opinion the Matter of their Petition being cognizable at Common Law, there will be their Remedy, and it does not lie properly before this House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Petition of *Mordecai Howell* was read;

Ordered, That *George Roach*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Clement Plumsted*, be a Committee to enquire into the Grounds of the said Petitioner's Complaint; and that they have Power to send for Persons and Papers, and make their Report unto the House.

The Committee appointed to prepare a Bill for laying a Duty of Excise to answer the Exigencies of the Government, brought in a Bill for that Purpose, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

David Lloyd, from the Committee appointed to prepare a supplementary Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes, brought in a Bill accordingly, which was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Proposal from *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared: *12th Mo.* 4.

The Committee appointed to enquire into the Grounds of *Mordecai Howell*'s Petition, report, that they had examined *Robert Assheton*, the Prothonotary, and *Thomas Howell*, in relation to the same, and the Affidavit of *Thomas Howell* being read, after a long Debate, the House ordered that the same Committee procure from the Master of the Rolls, the Ordinance by which the Courts of Judicature were formerly held in this Province, and bring the same to this House this Afternoon.

The same Committee is ordered to acquaint the Petitioner, that this House is of Opinion that a Writ of Error is his Right, and that the late Law for establishing Courts directs his proper Application, and shews where to apply for Remedy, if the same be refused him by the Officer.

A Petition of *John King*, Ferry-man at Capt. *Roach*'s Ferry, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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1712-13. A Petition of *Randle Spakeman*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

12*th Mo.* 4. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for Limitation of Actions, and for avoiding Suits in Law, was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12*th Mo.* 5. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Upon the ſecond Reading of the Bill, laying an Exciſe, *&c.* the ſame being found to differ from the former Reſolutions of this Houſe, and ſeveral Members at the ſame Time moving for an Alteration; agreed that the Houſe reſolve into a Grand Committee, to conſider thereof.

The Houſe accordingly reſolved into a Grand Committee, and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *David Lloyd*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſired that they may have Leave to ſit again this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Samuel Preſton*, do obtain from the Collector of the Port of *Philadelphia*, an Account what Rum, Wine, *&c.* have been annually imported into this Province, and report the ſame to the Houſe this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to obtain from the Collector of the Port of *Philadelphia*, an Account what Quantity of Rum, Wine, *&c.* have been annually imported into this Province, report, that they have made ſome Progreſs in the Enquiry, but cannot, before To-morrow Morning, compleat an Account to lay before the Houſe.

The ſupplementary Bill, for collecting Arrears of Taxes, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and the further Conſideration thereof referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 6. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded further in the Conſideration of the ſupplementary Bill for collecting Arrears of former Taxes, and went thro' the ſame by Paragraphs, and, with ſome propos'd Amendments, the ſaid Bill was committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to bring in an Account of Wine and Rum imported into this Province, brought in the ſame from the Naval-Officer, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table, as follows, *viz.*

Wine imported ſince the 25th of *March*, 1711.	Pipes, Four Hundred and Forty-one,	From the Place of Growth.
	Hogſheads, Thirteen,	
	Quarter-Caſks, Twenty-three,	
	Pipes, Forty-eight,	Elſewhere.
	Hogſheads, Two,	
	Quarter-Caſks, Two,	

Rum imported, *ut ſupra.*	Hogſheads, Five Hundred and Seventy-four.
	Tierces, Three Hundred and Sixty.
	Barrels, One Hundred, and Eighty-three.
	Kilderkin, One.
	Gallons, Two Hundred.
	Pipe, One.
	Caſks, Nineteen.
	Puncheons, Two.
	Groſs-Bottles, Four.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Caleb Puſey*, and *Clement Plumſted*, be appointed a Committee to amend the Bill for Limitation of Actions; and alſo the Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes.

The Houſe reſolved into a Grand Committee upon the Bill for raiſing Money for the Exigencies of the Government; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *David Lloyd*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Bill, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions, *viz.*

" That

" That all Wine, Rum and Spirits, imported and sold in this Province, shall be liable to pay the Duty of *One-penny per* Gallon, allowing a Debenture or Draw-back upon all that is exported to Sea; and that the Buyer shall pay or secure the said Duty, or the Merchant or Importer be liable to pay it for him. 1712-13. 12th Mo. 6.

That *One Penny per* Gallon shall be paid for all Spirits distilled or made in this Province.

That a Duty of *One Shilling per* Barrel be laid on all Beer, Ale and Cyder, sold in this Province, or imported."

Which several Resolutions being recommended by the Speaker, were agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, do prepare and draw up a Bill upon the Resolutions beforementioned, and that he be paid for his Trouble and Pains therein; and then the House adjourned till *Second Day* next in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, pursuant to the last Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 12th Mo. 9. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 12th Mo. 10.

The Petition of *John King*, Ferryman, was again read, and ordered that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to ease such Persons who keep Ferries in the Charge of a Licence for selling Drink.

The Petition of *Randal Spakeman*, requesting that a Law may be made to relieve the Widows and Orphans of such Persons as decease possessed of Lands, and leave not enough other Estate to support them, was read; and this House being of Opinion, that the Laws of this Province have already fully provided in that Case,

Ordered, That the said Petition be rejected, and that *Isaac Taylor* and *Robert Jones* do acquaint the Petitioner therewith.

The Petition of *John Furnis*, formerly employ'd in collecting the *Two Thousand Pounds* Tax, desiring he may be satisfied for his Expences and Loss of Time in the said Service, was read; and this House is of Opinion, that the Law for raising the said *Two Thousand Pounds* provided Satisfaction for all Officers concerned therein; and if he was employed by any other Person, he is referred to such for his Pay.

An Account was presented to the House by *Charles Brockden*, Deputy Clerk of the Rolls, of *Twenty-four Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Six-pence*, *Three-farthings*, due from the Province of *Pennsylvania* to the Rolls Office, which was read, and referred to the Committee of Accounts hereafter named.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Samuel Preston*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joseph Kirkbride*, be a Committee to enquire more fully into the State of the Treasury, and what Debts of the Province have been allowed by the Assembly, and what are now standing out and unpaid, and to receive such further Accounts as are due from the Government, and report the same to the House.

A Bill for establishing an Orphans Court was read, and ordered a second Reading.

A Motion being made, that the Laws of this Province be printed, the House came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

That *Richard Hill*, *Samuel Preston*, *Caleb Pusey*, and *John Swift*, or any two of them, be a standing Committee to agree with such Printer as they shall think fit to print the Laws of this Province.

That the said Committee do employ such Clerks as they shall find necessary, to procure a correct Copy of the said Laws for the Press.

That the said Committee have Power, where they shall observe any two or more Laws of the same Tenor or Effect (unless they be supplementary to each other) to omit such of them as shall appear to be redundant, only taking Care that their Titles be printed; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Propofals for Amendment of the Laws, *&c.* brought in by the Committee on the Third of this Month, were again read.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in by the said Committee for Amendment of the Laws, according to the said Propofals; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 12th Mo. 11.

The Bill for Limitation of Actions, and avoiding of Suits in Law, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

1712-13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

12th Mo. 11. *Poſt Meridiem.* The ſupplementary Bill for collecting Arrears of former Taxes, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 12. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee of Accounts brought in the State of the Provincial Treaſurer's Account, by which it appears, that, after all the Arrears of Taxes are collected, there will want *Three Hundred* and *Sixteen Pounds*, *Four Shillings*, and *Six-pence Half-penny*, to anſwer ſuch Debts as have been already allowed by former Aſſemblies; which Accounts are ordered to lie on the Table.

The Queſtion was put, whether *Two Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor as a grateful Acknowledgment for his Adminiſtration? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

The Queſtion being put, whether *One Hundred and Fifty Pounds* be preſented to the Governor on the Account beforementioned? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion being put, whether it be neceſſary to raiſe the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* towards defraying the exigent Charges of the Government? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing an Orphan's Court was read a ſecond Time.

It is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Power of an Orphan's Court, mentioned in any of the Laws of this Province, may be veſted in the Juſtices of the reſpective County Courts of this Province.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd* do amend the Bill accordingly, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow.

The Houſe reſolved into a Grand Committee to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, purſuant to the Vote of the Houſe this Morning; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *Richard Hill*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had come to the following Reſolutions, *viz.* That the ſaid *Five Hundred Pounds* be raiſed by a Duty of Exciſe. And further reports, that the ſaid Committee not having fully gone through the Matter to them referred, deſired Leave to ſit again To-morrow Morning, to which the Houſe agreed. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd from the Committee appointed to enquire into the Grounds of *Mary Beavon's* Petition, reports, that they find the Eſtate which ſhe requeſts may be ſold is ſettled by her Huſband's Will, and the Houſe not thinking fit to break in upon any ſuch Settlements,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide.

The Houſe reſolved into a Grand Committee, further to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, towards defraying the neceſſary Charges of the Government; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *Richard Hill*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reports, that they had come to the following Reſolutions, *viz.*

That an Exciſe of *Four-pence per* Gallon be laid on Wine, Rum and other Spirits, ſold in Publick-houſes in this Province in any Quantities under a Gallon; that a Duty of *Twelve-pence per* Barrel be laid on all Beer, Ale and Cyder, ſold in Publick-houſes; and that all other Perſons, but ſuch as are licenced, be prohibited from ſelling any of the ſaid Liquors within Doors or without in any leſs Quantity than a Gallon; and that a Duty of *Three-pence per Pound* be laid on all Hops imported into this Province, except the Produce of the *Jerſeys* and Lower Counties; which being reported by the Speaker, were ſeverally agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Duties be continued for one Year from the Tenth of *March* next, and no longer.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do prepare and draw up a Bill upon the Reſolutions beforementioned, and that they get any Perſon of Skill to aſſiſt them in preparing the ſame.

Reſolved, That *Samuel Holt* be the Officer to collect the ſeveral Duties aforeſaid; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, at Four a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

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The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1712-13.

A Petition of *Henry Badcock*, on Behalf of himself and several other Persons, against the Bill for laying the Duty of *Twelve-pence per* Barrel on Beer and Ale, *&c.* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. *12th Mo.* 16. *Post Meridiem.*

David Lloyd, according to Order, brought in the Bill for establishing Orphans Courts;

Ordered, That the same be read To-morrow Morning.

A supplementary Act for amending divers Laws therein named, was read, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 17.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Excise upon sundry Liquors, and also upon Hops, to answer several Exigencies of this Government*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for establishing Orphans Courts, was read a third Time, and, with some proposed Amendments, re-committed.

A Bill, intituted, *A Supplement to a Law*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

Richard Hill, and *Caleb Pusey*, are ordered to attend the Governor with the Bill for Limitation of Actions; and that for collecting Arrears of Taxes, and desire his Concurrence thereto; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 18.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to a Law*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, was read a second Time, and, with some Amendments, committed.

Richard Hill, and *Caleb Pusey*, report, that, pursuant to the Order of the House Yesterday, they had delivered the two Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Excise upon sundry Liquors, and also upon Hops, to answer several Exigencies of the Government*, was read a second Time, and, with some proposed Amendments, committed.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Clement Plumsted*, *Samuel Preston*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joseph Kirkbride*, be a Committee to amend the same accordingly.

Samuel Carpenter and *James Logan*, Members of Council, on a Message from the Governor, returned the Bill for Limitation of Actions, and report, that the Governor agreed to the said Bill, except the first Clause limiting the Time of bringing Writs of Entry, *&c.* for seven Years, and by Word of Mouth gave Reasons for dissenting to that Part of the Bill; and also excepting the Proprietary's Quitrents.

Griffith Owen, and *Robert Asheton*, Members of Council, on a Message from the Governor, returned the Bill for collecting the Arrears of Taxes, and report, that the Governor had agreed to the said Bill; but desired that a Clause may be added for collecting the Arrears of the *Two Thousand Pounds* given to the Proprietary by a former Act passed at *Newcastle*.

The House finding there is a Law passed, *Anno* 1705, intituled, *An Act for collecting the Arrears of* Two Thousand Pounds *granted to the Proprietary*, which is still in Force, do not see Occasion to add any further to the said Bill;

Ordered, That the said Bill be ingrossed.

A Petition of several Tanners, desiring a Bill may be brought into the House, to prevent the unseasonable falling of Bark-trees, and to hinder the Butchers from cutting Holes or Flanters in their Hides and Skins, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 19.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to a Law*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-house or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, was read a third Time.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

The Bill for establishing Orphans Courts, as amended by the Committee, was again read and debated, and, with some further propos'd Amendments, again committed to *David Lloyd*, and *Richard Hill*, to amend the same accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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1712-13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

12th Mo. 19. Poſt Meridiem. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors to anſwer ſeveral Exigencies of this Government*, as amended by the Committee, was read a third Time, debated, and, with ſome propos'd Amendments, re-committed to the ſame Committee; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *12th Mo. 20.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee appointed to amend the Bill for eſtabliſhing Orphans Courts, brought in the ſame, which, being read and debated, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors, and alſo upon Hops, to anſwer ſeveral Exigencies of the Government*, as amended by the Committee, was read, debated, and, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

George Roach, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, are ordered to attend the Governor with the following Bills, *viz.* The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Law, that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence.* The Bill *for eſtabliſhing Orphans Courts.* And the Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors, and alſo upon Hops, to anſwer ſeveral Exigencies of the Government*; and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The ſaid Members return and report, that they have delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor, who was pleaſed to ſay, that he would call a Council in the Morning, and conſider of them.

Adjournment. The Bill for Amendment of ſeveral Laws therein mentioned, was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 21. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act for amending divers Laws therein named*, was read a third Time, by Paragraphs, debated, and, with ſeveral Amendments, re-committed.

Samuel Carpenter, and *Thomas Story*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, brought back the Bill for laying a Duty or Exciſe on ſundry Liquors, and alſo upon Hops, to anſwer ſeveral Exigencies of the Government, to which the Governor agreed, without any Amendment; alſo the Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to a Law*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*; and report, that the Governor was willing to grant the Thing deſired by the ſaid Bill, without a Law; and further, that the Orphans Bill being long, the Governor had not yet gone through the ſame, but would diſpatch it as ſoon as poſſible.

Ordered, That the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the laying a Duty or Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors, and alſo upon Hops, to anſwer ſeveral Exigencies of the Government*, be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *12th Mo. 23. Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Caleb Puſey, and *Clement Plumſted*, having been ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to deſire to know his Opinion of the Orphans Bill, the Houſe being willing to make all poſſible Diſpatch of the Buſineſs now before them; the ſaid Members return and report, that the Governor informed them, that he had not yet fully conſidered the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act for amending divers Laws therein mentioned*, as amended by the Committee, was read by Paragraphs, debated, and, after ſome Progreſs therein, the Houſe referred the further Conſideration thereof till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *12th Mo. 24.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, having been ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to know whether he had further conſidered the Bill for eſtabliſhing Orphans Courts, and if he has not any Amendments to offer, the Houſe (conſidering the near Approach of the Courts) were inclined to adjourn for ſome Time; the ſaid Members return and report, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, who informed them, that he thought it abſolutely neceſſary to take the Advice of Judge *Mompeſſon*, relating to the ſaid Bill (according to his Directions from Governor *Penn*, in all doubtful Caſes) which he would do with all poſſible Expedition; and as to the Time of Adjournment, he left that entirely to the Houſe.

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Thomas Masters, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *John Swift*, having been sent on a Message to the Governor, to acquaint him that the House is inclined to adjourn till the Sixteenth of next Month, if he thinks it convenient; the said Members return and report, that they had delivered their Message to the Governor, who returned Answer, that the Sixteenth of next Month was too short to have an Answer from Judge *Mompesson*, and was of Opinion that the Twenty-third would be more convenient; to which the House agreed; and then the House adjourned till the Twenty-third of the next Month. 1712-13. 12th Mo. 24. Adjournment.

THE Speaker and following Members met, according to Adjournment, *viz. Robert Jones*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumsted*, *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Thomas Masters*, *Caleb Pusey*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *George Harlan*, *John Maries*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *John Sotcher*, *Stoffel Vanjant*, *John Frost*, and *John Swift*; but not making a sufficient Number to proceed on Business, adjourned to the Morning, and agreed to acquaint the Governor therewith. 1st Mo. 23. Adjournment.

The Representatives met, and *Robert Asheton* delivered unto them a Paper, signed by the Governor, which was read, and is as followeth. 1st Mo. 24.

To the REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennsylvania.

GENTLEMEN,

'BEING informed that you fail'd of making a House Yesterday, according to your 'own Adjournment, I am willing to believe the same was not done by Design; and 'therefore think fit (if a Quorum be now present) to recommend the Dispatch of publick 'Affairs now before you.'

March 24, 1712-13. *CHARLES GOOKIN.*

Then the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Message to the Governor, by *George Roach*, and *Caleb Pusey*, to desire to know if he be ready to give the House his Answer to the Bill for establishing Orphans Courts, which was left before him by the House before their last Adjournment; the said Members return and report, that the Governor informed them, that several Members of the Council being out of Town, he could not yet give his Answer, but hoped to have a Council To-morrow Morning on the said Bill; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Supplementary Act for amending divers Laws therein mentioned*, as amended by the Committee, was read and debated by Paragraphs, and, with some proposed Amendments, agreed to by the House.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd* amend the same accordingly, and that the Word [*Supplementary*] be left out in the Title; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1713. 1st Mo. 25.

Robert Asheton, on a Message from the Governor, acquainted the House, that the Governor had not yet had a Council to sit, and the Orphans Bill from the House being by him sent to Judge *Mompesson*, for his Opinion, who had not yet returned it, the Governor had sent to the House a Copy of the said Bill, with some Amendments.

The House took into Consideration the engrossed Bill for laying a Duty or Excise upon Liquors and Hops, and, after some Time spent therein, agreed to add *Fifty Pounds* more as a Present to the Governor, with some further Alterations and Amendments, and the Speaker was desired to amend the same accordingly.

Then the House proceeded to take into Consideration the Bill for establishing of Orphans Courts, with the Amendments proposed by the Governor; and, after some Time spent therein, the House agreed to one, and disagreed to the rest of the said proposed Amendments.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Caleb Pusey*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House had agreed to one Amendment, and with the Reasons why the House cannot agree to the rest of the said proposed Amendments; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending divers Laws therein mentioned*, as amended by *David Lloyd*, pursuant to the Order of the House this Morning, was read by Paragraphs, and, with an additional Amendment, agreed to by the House.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

Richard Hill, and *Caleb Pusey*, report, that pursuant to the Order of this House, they had

1713. 1st Mo. 25. had delivered to the Governor the Reaſons why the Houſe diſagreed to the Governor's propoſed Amendments to the Bill for eſtabliſhing of Orphans Courts; which he ſaid he would conſider of this Afternoon.

The Houſe again proceeded in the Conſideration of the Amendments to the ingroſſed Bill for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon Liquors and Hops, and agreed to the ſame.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto, as now amended.

The ſaid Members return and report, that they had delivered the ſaid Bill to the Governor, who replied, that he would conſider of the ſame as ſoon as he could get his Council together.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do alter the Days in the Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes, and make the ſame one Month forwarder, the Times in the ſaid Bill appointed being many of them already expired; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1st Mo. 26. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *John Sotcher*, do wait on the Governor, with the Bill for amending divers Laws therein mentioned, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

Griffith Owen, and *Robert Aſheton*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, report the Governor's Concurrence to the Bill for laying a Duty upon Liquors and Hops; and alſo to the Bill for eſtabliſhing of Orphans Courts; which Bills they delivered in at the Table.

Clement Plumſted, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, delivered in at the Table the Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes, as amended by them, purſuant to the Order of this Houſe.

Iſaac Taylor, and *John Sotcher*, return and report, that they had delivered the Bill for amending divers Laws therein named to the Governor, purſuant to Order, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would call his Council together to conſider of the ſaid Bill, and give it all poſſible Diſpatch.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Davis*, do wait on the Governor with the Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes, and acquaint him with the Alteration of the Days and Times in the ſaid Bill.

The ſaid Members return and report, that they had left the Bill with the Governor, who ſaid, he would peruſe the ſame with all Speed, and return it to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Bill for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon Liquors and Hops; and alſo for eſtabliſhing of Orphans Courts, be ingroſſed.

The Houſe having taken into Conſideration the laſt Meſſage from the Governor, wherein he ſets forth his Charge of Houſe-rent for a Council-room, and other publick Meetings and Treaties; the Queſtion was put, Whether *Fifty Pounds* more be added to the Sum given to the Governor in the Exciſe Bill; that is to ſay, *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* in the whole? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Caleb Puſey*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, do collect out of the Minutes, the Days that every Member hath ſerved in this Aſſembly, and bring the ſame to the Houſe.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's propoſed Amendments to the Bill for Limitation of Actions, and, after a long Debate thereupon, agreed that the ſame be further conſidered.

Griffith Owen, and *Robert Aſheton*, in a Meſſage from the Governor, return the Bill for collecting Arrears of Taxes, with the Governor's Agreement to the Amendments, as made by the Houſe; alſo the Bill for Amendment of divers Laws, with the Governor's Objections to one Clauſe therein, which was read, and referred to further Conſideration; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Governor's Objection to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for amending divers Laws therein mentioned*, was again read, and fully debated, and thereupon *Clement Plumſted*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, were ordered to wait on the Governor, and deſire he would pleaſe to ſend to the Houſe the Ordinance for eſtabliſhing the *Forty Shillings* Court in the City of *Philadelphia*.

The ſaid Members return with the ſaid Ordinance, which was read, and then the Houſe made ſome Amendment to the Bill, and

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *William Davis*, do carry up the ſaid Bill to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence to the ſame as now amended; alſo to acquaint him with the Addition of *Fifty Pounds* voted this Morning to him; and to know at what Time he will pleaſe to paſs the Bills into Laws.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that they delivered the Bill, and the Meſſage of the Houſe, to the Governor; who anſwered, that he would conſider and return the Bill as ſoon as poſſible; that he would endeavour to be ready To-morrow to paſs the Bills; and that the

the Sum of *Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, which the House had now agreed to present him with, was as much as he desired. 1713.

The Bill for Limitation of Actions being again taken into Consideration, the House agreed to amend the same, according to the Governor's Desire, by Leaving out the first Clause, and adding these Words, [*Excepting the Governor's Quitrents*] and *1st Mo. 26.*

Ordered, That *Clement Plumsted*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, do carry up the same to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Robert Asheton, a Member of Council, returned the Bill for Limitation of Actions, and informed the House, that the Governor agrees to the said Bill; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *1st Mo. 27.*

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *William Davis*, be added to the Committee for printing the Laws.

Samuel Preston being sent on a Message to the Governor, to know when he will please to appoint a Committee of Council to examine the ingrossed Bills?

Robert Asheton, a Member of Council, from the Governor, acquainted the House, that he had appointed him to examine the Bills?

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Richard Hill*, be a Committee to examine the said ingrossed Bills, being five in Number, intituled as follows.

An Act for reviving, explaining and continuing several Laws in this Act mentioned.
An Act for Limitation of Actions.
An Act for establishing Orphans Courts.
An Act for amending divers Laws therein mentioned.
An Act for the laying a Duty or Excise upon sundry Liquors, and also upon Hops, to answer several Exigencies of this Government; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, and *David Lloyd*, report, that they had examined the five ingrossed Bills, according to Order, and found them to agree with the Originals.

The Committee brought in the following Accounts, being first produced to them, *viz.*

Thomas Wilson, as Clerk of this House, produced his Account, amounting to *Eleven Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, which was read, and allowed.

Nicholas Rosogan, as Door-keeper, presented his Account, amounting to *Five Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed.

David Lloyd, Member of this House, produced his Account for special and immediate Service, amounting to *Eleven Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, which being read, *One Pound Twelve Shillings* is deducted, and the remaining *Ten Pounds* allowed.

Charles Brockden, Deputy to the Master of the Rolls, produced his Account, amounting to *Twenty-four Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Half-penny*, which was read, and allowed.

Resolved, That the Speaker forthwith issue Orders under his Hand for the several Sums following, to the respective Persons hereafter named, *viz.*

To *Thomas Wilson*, as Clerk of this House,	£	11	16 10
To *Nicholas Rosogan*, as Door-keeper,		5	3 6
To *David Lloyd*, for special and immediate Service of this House,		10	0 0
	£	27	0 4

Amounting in the whole to *Twenty-seven Pounds* and *Four-pence*; all which to be paid out of the first Publick Money that comes to the Treasurer's Hands, as directed by the Law, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty of Excise*, &c. passed this present Session.

Resolved, That the Speaker do issue Orders, under his Hand, for Payment of the several Sums to the respective Persons hereafter named, being publick Debts upon this Province, allowed by this and former Assemblies, *viz.*

To *James Logan*, Secretary, for Charge of *Indian* Treaties, *&c.* allowed by the Assembly the Seventh of the *Fourth Month*, 1712,	£	95	6 8
To Ditto, for his own Account, allowed the Twenty-first of the *Fifth Month*, 1711,		55	2 10½
To *Robert Asheton*, for his Account allowed by the Assembly the Sixth of the *Fourth Month*, 1712,		44	3 6
Carried over	£	194	13 9½

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	Brought over	194	13	0½
1st Mo. 27.	To *Thomas Story*, Maſter of the Rolls, for his Account allowed the Seventh of the *Fourth Month*, 1712, — —	19	18	4½
	To Ditto, or his Deputy, *Charles Brockden*, for his Account exhibited and allowed this Day, — —	24	6	10
	To *William Hill*, Door-keeper of the Governor's Council, 12 Days,	1	10	0
		£ 240	8	3

Amounting in the whole to *Two Hundred* and *Forty Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, and *Threepence*; all which ſaid Sums of Money to be paid in due Proportions, out of the Publick Money in the Provincial Treaſurer's Hands, after all the Money given and allowed to the Governor by the Law (of this preſent Seſſion) intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty or Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors, and alſo upon Hops*, &c. is paid, as directed by the ſaid Act.

Robert Aſheton, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor was ready to give his Aſſent to the Bills paſſed by this Houſe.

Then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended on the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reports, That the Governor had given his Aſſent to the five ſeveral Bills before particularly mentioned (and thanked the Houſe for the Proviſion they had thought fit to make for him) to which Bills the Speaker having ſubſcribed his Name, by Order of the Houſe, according to Cuſtom, *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, were ordered to go (with *Griffith Owen*, and *Robert Aſheton*, Members of Council) to the Rolls Office, to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 28. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill reports, that he, with *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, did, Yeſterday, with two of the Members of the Council, ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Laws of the Province, according to Order; then the Houſe adjourned for one Hour to wait on the Governor, to hear the Laws publiſhed; and after Publication of the Laws, the Houſe met again according to Adjournment.

An Addreſs to the Proprietary, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, was brought in, read and debated; and being put to the Vote, whether the ſame ſhall be ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Proprietary? *Carried in the Affirmative*; and

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the ſame, and ſhew the ſaid Addreſs to the Governor before it be ſent away.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to procure the Laws of this Province to be printed, ſhall have free Recourſe to the Records *gratis*, and may by themſelves, or ſuch Clerks as they ſhall employ, take Copies from the ſame.

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *William Davis*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Aſſembly is inclinable to adjourn to the Twenty-third of *September* next, unleſs he ſee Cauſe to call them ſooner; alſo that this Houſe hath appointed a Committee to get the Laws of this Province printed, and deſires his Concurrence therein; and that the Aſſembly's Addreſs to the Proprietary will be preſented to his View by the Speaker, after the Riſing of this Houſe.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to concur with the Aſſembly in their Intentions in printing the Laws, and agrees to the Time propoſed for Adjournment; and that he was pleaſed the Houſe had prepared an Addreſs to the Proprietary; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-third of *September* next.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 23. THE Houſe met, purſuant to the laſt Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe is met, purſuant to Adjournment, and deſired to know whether he had any Buſineſs to lay before this Houſe.

Ephraim Jackſon, who ſerved in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*, in the Years 1710 and 1711, applied to this Houſe, acquainting them that he had loſt his Ticket for his Service in Aſſembly thoſe Years, and deſiring to have a new One:

Ordered, That the Clerk examine the Journal of the Houſe, extract the Number of Days he attended, and make out a Ticket, to be ſigned by the Speaker accordingly.

The Members abovementioned, ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, return and report, that they had waited on the Governor, acquainted him that the Houſe was ſitting, and deſired to know whether he had any Thing to lay before the Houſe, that he was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing at preſent to offer to them.

The Tickets of the Members Attendance this Seſſion were drawn up and ſigned by the Speaker, by Order of the Houſe.

There

There appearing no Business from the Governor, nor any arising in this House, and the Time of a new Election being at Hand, the House concludes to break up for this Year, unless the Governor think fit to call us together.——*Here ends the Journal for this Year.* 1713. 7th Mo. 23.

Signed *per* Order,

ISAAC NORRIS, Speaker.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1713.

The Names of the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, according to the respective Sheriffs Returns, bearing Date the first Day of the *Eighth Month*, *Anno* 1713, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County.*	Chester *County.*	Bucks *County.*
Edward Farmar,	*David Lloyd,*	*John Swift,*
Robert Jones,	*William Davis,*	*Jeremiah Langhorn,*
Toby Leech,	*Joseph Baker,*	*Thomas Stevenson,*
John Roberts,	*Nathaniel Newlin,*	*William Stockdell,*
Thomas Rutter,	*Nicholas Fairlamb,*	*Thomas Watson,* jun.
Nicholas Waln,	*Richard Hayes,*	*Joseph Growdon,*
Matthias Keen,	*William Brainton,*	*Thomas Stackhouse,*
John Warner.	*John Blunston,* jun.	*Joseph Kirkbride.*

City of Philadelphia.
Isaac Norris; *Richard Hill.*

THE Representatives of the Freemen of this Province of *Pennsylvania*, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, met at the usual Place in the City of *Philadelphia*, and being a Quorum, as the Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded and chose *Joseph Growdon*, Esq; to be their Speaker, and *Isaac Norris*, Esq; Speaker of the former Assembly, delivered to him the Keys of the Trunk, wherein are kept the Books, Papers and Records, of the former Assemblies. 1713. 8th Mo. 14.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait on the Governor, to know when he will be attended by the House to present their Speaker.

The said Members return, and report, that the Governor had appointed the House to attend on him To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock with their Speaker; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met according to Adjournment, and the Members being called over by the Sheriffs Returns of each County of the Province, and the City of *Philadelphia*, those present subscribed the Qualifications according to Law, the same being first read to them by the Clerk with an audible Voice, *viz. Joseph Growdon*, Speaker, *Edward Farmar*, *Toby Leech*, *John Roberts*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Matthias Keen*, *John Warner*, *Thomas Rutter*, *Isaac Norris*, *Richard Hill*, *Thomas Stevenson*, *William Stockdell*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *William Davis*, *Joseph Baker*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, *Richard Hayes*, *William Brainton*, and *John Blunston*, jun. Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15.

A Message being sent to the Governor by *William Davis*, and *Richard Hayes*, that the House is met, and being qualified, according to Law, is ready to present their Speaker; the said Members return, and report, that the Governor, as soon as he had assembled his Council, would give the House Notice.

Thomas Wilson was admitted Clerk of this House, and took his Affirmation for the faithful Discharge of his Duty to the utmost of his Skill and Knowledge, and for keeping the Secrets of the House.

Divers * Rules approved by former Assemblies, and entered in the Journals of this House, were read, and agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.*

A Message from the Governor by *Robert Asheton*, that the Governor is ready to receive this House, with their Speaker;

* These Rules are verbatim the same as in the first printed Votes, Part II. Page 2. *Anno*, 1703.

1713. 8th Ma. 15. *Reſolved*, That the Houſe immediately wait upon the Governor to preſent their Speaker; and accordingly having preſented their Speaker to the Governor, who being approved, the Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, and had delivered him a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Speech. 'THE Government is not yet ſurrendered to the Crown, and it is probable will not for many Months; and conſequently I am ſtill inveſted with the Proprietary's Powers, which I am ready to make uſe of for the Welfare of the People in all their reaſonable Expectations.

'But I muſt firſt recommend to you, as I did to the laſt Aſſembly, that the *Two Thouſand Pounds*, granted for the Queen's Uſe, may be made ready Payment when demanded; and that the Complaints of thoſe Perſons, whoſe Servants were on the Expedition to *Canada*, may be anſwered; for notwithſtanding the Powers given for the Raiſing that Money, it is not yet paid in.

'The Law for cultivating a friendly Correſpondence with our neighbouring *Indians*, I am informed, is almoſt expired: In my Opinion, it will be neceſſary to keep up a Friendſhip with them after the uſual Manner, tho' in Time of Peace, ſince upon that Foot we have always acted with them.

'I am concerned to hear, that the Reputation of this Province in its chief Manufacture (which was once ſo good) is now ſo much ſunk Abroad, occaſioned by the covetous and diſingenuous Practices of ſome Bolters; this may be worth your Conſideration.

'Gentlemen, I take this Opportunity to give the Country my Thanks for the Care that was taken for my Support in the Adminiſtration by the laſt Aſſembly, and tho' the Funds fall very ſhort, I believe they intended well, and I promiſe myſelf the Deficiency will be made good by you.

'And as there is no Government in *America* where the Governor is not in ſome Meaſure ſupported in his Adminiſtration, I hope you will not make a Precedent in me of the contrary: I ſhall urge this no further, but leave it entirely to your Conſideration.'

Then the Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Governor's Speech; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris* prepare an Addreſs in anſwer to the Governor's Speech, and bring the ſame to the Houſe this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Iſaac Norris, purſuant to Order, brought in the Draught of an Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech, which he read in his Place; and the ſame being read again, was, with ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be ingroſſed, being as follows.

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

THE Delegates of the Freemen of this Province of Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly met, having conſidered thy Speech to us this Day, do crave Leave to acquaint the Governor, that the ſame hath due Weight with us; and that we ſhall employ our beſt Endeavours to anſwer the ſeveral Matters therein directed to our Conſideration.*

But this Houſe apprehending there is no Part thereof which requires an immediate Diſpatch unleſs that of the Support; and that in order thereto, they ſhall be better enabled to make a Calculation of the Publick Funds and Deficiencies when the Trade of this Year is cloſed by the Winter, have Thoughts of an Adjournment to a further Time, and accordingly propoſe the Twenty-eighth Day of December *next, if that may ſuit the Governor: And therefore, at this Time, only in general add, that we return our hearty Thanks for thy continued Offers of uſing thy Powers for the Welfare of the People.*

That the laſt Aſſembly having (as was then preſumed) effectually provided for the due Collection and Payment of the Two Thouſand Pounds, *granted to the Queen's Uſe, this Houſe will be ready to do what further may appear neceſſary on their Part; and in order thereto crave that the Governor will be pleaſed to direct the Defects, and what is further needful to be done therein, be more particularly laid before us at our next Meeting.*

That we ſtill continue the Opinion the good People of this Province have always retained, in relation to a friendly Correſpondence with the Indians, *and ſhall accordingly provide for its Continuance.*

We join heartily with the Governor in our Concern, that the Reputation of this Province ſhould ſuffer by the diſingenuous Practices of any in our Manufactures, and ſhall think of what Ways we can for its Remedy.

And

And laſtly, as it is our Inclination and Intention, according to the beſt Ability of thoſe we repreſent, to ſupport the Adminiſtration of Government, ſo we ſhall appoint a Committee to inſpect the Publick Accounts, and enquire into the Proviſions which have been made by the late Aſſemblies, that at our next Meeting we may be capable to ſhew the Governor our Readineſs in that Caſe. 1713. 8th Mo. 15.

Ordered, That the ſaid Addreſs be ſigned by the Speaker, and preſented to the Governor by *Richard Hill* and *Joſeph Kirkbride*.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Edward Parmar*, *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, be a Committee to inſpect the Publick Accounts, and make their Report of the State thereof to the Houſe at next Meeting.

The Committee appointed to preſent the Addreſs of the Houſe to the Governor, report, that they had delivered the ſaid Addreſs, according to Order; and that the Governor had agreed to the Adjournment, propoſed by the Houſe in their Addreſs, to the Twenty-eighth of *December* next; and then the Houſe adjourned to the Twenty-eighth of *December* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 10th Mo. 28.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Rutter*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 10th Mo. 29.

David Lloyd, *John Swift*, and *Thomas Watſon*, Members returned to ſerve in Aſſembly, appeared and ſubſcribed the Qualification preſcribed by a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate Elections*, and took their Places in the Houſe.

Nathaniel Newlin, and *Thomas Rutter*, report, that they had waited on the Governor purſuant to Order, and informed him that the Houſe was met according to their Adjournment; and that the Governor acquainted them that he had no new Matter to lay before the Houſe.

Richard Hill, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the publick Accounts, informed the Houſe, that they have inſpected the ſame, and will be ready to report the State thereof To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech to this Houſe the Fifteenth of the *Eighth Month*. Adjournment.

The ſaid Speech was read, and the Addreſs of this Houſe in Anſwer thereto, and after ſome Debate thereon, 10th Mo. 31.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That a Bill be brought in for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*.

A Memorial of *Peter Evans*, Regiſter-General of this Province, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, ſetting forth, that the Books, Records and Papers, belonging to the ſaid Office, are detained in the Hands of *Benjamin Mayne*, *William Watſon*, and *Thomas Hayward*, who lately executed the ſaid Office, and deſiring that they may be compelled to deliver up the ſame, as the Law directs; the ſame was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Nicholas Waln, and *John Swift*, are appointed a Committee to inſpect the Laws relating to a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, and the Manufactures of this Province, and bring the original Rolls to the Houſe this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Thomas Stackhouſe, returned a Member to ſerve in Aſſembly, appeared, ſubſcribed the Declaration, &c. by Law preſcribed, and took his Place in the Houſe.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Houſe do immediately reſolve into a Grand Committee, to take into Conſideration the Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, and that of the Manufactures of this Province.

And being reſolved into a Grand Committee accordingly, after ſome Time ſpent therein, *Iſaac Norris*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Conſideration of the Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, but had not gone thro' the ſame, and deſired that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Grand Committee To-morrow Morning, in order to proceed further on the ſaid Bill, and that of the Manufactures of this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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1713. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

10th Mo. 30. The Houſe, purſuant to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, and that of the Manufactures of this Province; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *Iſaac Norris*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had gone thro' the ſaid Matters to them referred, and come to the ſeveral Reſolutions following, *viz.*

That it is the Opinion of the Committee, that the Law for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, be revived for three Years, with ſome Amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

And that the Law in force relating to Manufactures, if duly put in Practice, will be effectual to prevent the Abuſes in the Manufactory.

Which ſaid Reſolutions of the Committee, being ſeverally read, the firſt of them was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

The ſecond of the ſaid Reſolutions being read, the Conſideration of the ſame was further adjourned till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Queſtion being put, Whether the Houſe agrees with the Committee, that the Law in Force, relating to the Manufactory, is ſufficient to prevent the Abuſes in the ſame? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

John Swift, and *John Blunſton*, are appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, as reported by the Committee of the whole Houſe.

A Petition of *Thomas Fairman*, complaining of an Abuſe in laying out a Road thro' his Ground, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of divers Freeholders of the County of *Cheſter*, complaining of ſome undue Practices committed by the Officers of the City of *Philadelphia*, in fixing a Price on their Commodities, and abuſing their Perſons, *&c.* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, complaining of ſeveral Abuſes, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Butler*, complaining of an Abuſe committed by Order of the Two Weeks Court, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10th Mo. 31. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the publick Accounts, brought in a State thereof, according to Order, which he delivered in at the Table.

Peter Evans, by Order of the Houſe, attended, and delivered in at the Table, a Writing under the Hand of *Robert Aſheton* (Prothonotary of the Common Pleas at *Philadelphia*) ſignifying, that there is no Bond concerning the Regiſter General's Office in his Office, ſave that of the ſaid *Peter Evans*, which the Juſtices ordered to be recorded in *June* laſt.

He alſo at the ſame Time delivered in a Certificate, under the Hand, and County Seal, of *Jeremiah Langhorn*, Prothonotary of *Bucks* County, to the ſame Purpoſe, with a Copy of the ſaid *Peter Evans*'s Bond, regiſtered in his Office, purſuant to the Law of this Province.

Thomas Stackhouſe has Leave to be abſent till *Second Day* next.

Ordered, That the Speaker do iſſue out Summons to *Jeremiah Langhorn*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Robert Jones*, requiring their immediate Attendance on the Service of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Benjamin Mayne, according to Order, attended the Houſe, and at the Table produced his Commiſſion from the Governor, under his Hand, and the Great Seal, dated the 28th of *July*, 1712, and recorded in the Rolls Office the 31ſt of *Fifth Month*, 1712.

And, upon Examination, confeſſed that he had not given any Security for the Diſcharge of his Office, being (as he ſaid) not apprized of the Laws of this Province, which enjoin the Regiſter-General to do the ſame, before he or his Deputies enter upon the Execution of their Office.

The Queſtion being put, Whether any Perſon executing the Office of Regiſter-General of this Province, without giving any Security as the Law directs, is an Aggrievance, and of dangerous Conſequence to the Rights and Safety of the Subject? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That the Governor be addreſſed for the Removal of the ſaid Aggrievance.

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Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Isaac Norris*, do draw up the said Address.

Edward Farmar has Leave to be absent To-morrow; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

10*th Mo.* 31. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11*th Mo.* 1.

The Petition of *Thomas Fairman*, complaining of an Abuse in laying out a Road through his Ground, was read a second Time.

A Motion being made, that the House do adjourn until the eleventh Instant? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, that *English* Copper-money, for the Conveniency of Exchange, do pass, in small Payments, at the Rate of *Three Farthings* for a *Penny*, and *Three Half-pence* for *Two-pence*? *Resolved in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Isaac Norris, from the Committee appointed to draw up an Address to the Governor concerning the Aggrievances relating to the Register-General's Office, presented to the House a Draught of the said Address accordingly, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table; to which the House agreed, with some Amendments, *viz.*

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Freemen of the said Province, in Assembly met.

Humbly sheweth,

Assembly's Address to the Governor.

THAT Complaint having been made to this House, that there are two several Persons at one and the same Time officiating as Register-General of this Province, which we, upon Examination, find to be true, and are of Opinion that it is injurious to the Queen's Subjects to be left at such Uncertainty, and be obliged, for better Security, to the extraordinary Charge of taking out Letters of Administration from both, as some have done.

That upon hearing of Peter Evans, *and* Benjamin Mayne, *the two Persons pretending to the said Office, it appears to this House, that both have Commissions for executing the said Office of Register-General; the said* Peter Evans *from our Proprietary*, William Penn, *bearing Date the Twenty-first of* June, 1712; *and* Benjamin Mayne *from thyself, bearing Date the Twenty-eighth of* July, 1712. *And it further appears, that the said* Peter Evans *hath given Security, and filed the same in the Prothonotary's Office as the Law of this Province directs, which the said* Benjamin Mayne *having failed to do, and yet retaining the Papers and Records belonging to the said Office, this House is of Opinion the same is become a further Grievance, and a plain Elusion of the Law.*

Therefore it is the Opinion and Request of this House, that the said Papers and Writings, as also the Seal belonging to the said Office, be lodged in the Hands of the said Peter Evans, *who, by the Security given as aforesaid, is obliged to re-deliver the same, with all other Papers in his Custody, whenever it appears that another has a better Right to exercise the said Office.*

Resolved, N. C. D. That the said Address be ingrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *Nicholas Waln*, and *William Davis*; and then the House adjourned till the eleventh Instant, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

THE House met, pursuant to the Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11*th Mo.* 11. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11*th Mo.* 12.

Robert Jones, returned a Member to serve in Assembly, appeared, subscribed the Declaration, *&c.* by Law prescribed, and took his Place in the House.

The Members appointed to deliver to the Governor the Address of this House, concerning the Grievance relating to the Register-General's Office, report, that they had delivered the said Address to the Governor accordingly.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the State of the Publick Accounts, and also that Part of the Governor's Speech relating to the Deficiency of the Funds for Support of the Administration of the Government; and, after some Time spent therein,

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed to inspect the Publick Accounts, do prepare a particular Account of the Produce of the several Funds for Support of the Government, what Sums are received and expended, and the Arrears (if any) behind and unpaid, and bring the same to the House with all convenient Speed.

Ordered, That the Committee, appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for continuing a friendly Correspondence with the *Indians*, do bring in the same To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

1713. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11*th Mo.* 12. *Poſt Meridiem.* *David Lloyd*, and *Edward Farmar*, are appointed to wait on the Governor, to deſire an Anſwer to the late Addreſs of this Houſe concerning the Regiſter-General's Office; and alſo to know whether, by this Veſſel now lately arrived from *England*, he had any Account of the Repeal of any of the Laws paſt by former Aſſemblies, or any Thing which he thought fit to lay before this Houſe.

Then the Houſe reſolved into a Grand Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſeveral Grievances complained of in the Petitions now lying before this Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired that they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do, To-morrow Morning, again reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Conſideration of the Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 13. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Conſideration of the Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that the ſaid Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and that they had come to a Reſolution, *viz.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Bill be brought in for the better determining of Debts of *Forty Shillings*, and under, and that the ſaid Committee deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do again reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe this Afternoon, further to proceed in the Conſideration of the Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the Conſideration of the Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that having read and conſidered the Petition of divers Freeholders of the County of *Cheſter*, and alſo the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, complaining againſt the Ordinances made by the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia*, relating to the ſetting a Price upon Proviſions, *&c.* and the Charter and Ordinances of the ſaid Corporation being alſo read, it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Ordinances are contrary to Law, and void of themſelves.

The ſaid Reſolutions being read in the Houſe, and the Queſtion being put, whether the Houſe agrees with the Committee in their aforeſaid Reports?

Reſolved, That before the Houſe agrees thereto, the Mayor and Recorder (by themſelves, and Counſel, if they pleaſe) be heard To-morrow Morning by the whole Houſe, as to the Validity of the ſaid Ordinances; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 14. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Report of the Committee of the whole Houſe; and after a long Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the Mayor and Commonalty of *Philadelphia*, by themſelves and Counſel, if they pleaſe, be heard, in reſpect of the Ordinances complained of, To-morrow Morning at Eleven a Clock, and that the Clerk deliver the Recorder of *Philadelphia* a Copy of this Reſolve; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Clerk of this Houſe reports, that purſuant to Order he delivered to the Recorder of *Philadelphia* a Copy of the Reſolve of the Houſe this Morning, concerning the Ordinances of the City.

A Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of the upper Part of the Province, and others of *Pennſylvania*, ſetting forth, that a Road, laid out, by Order of Authority, from *Reading*'s Landing at *Delaware*, to the *Fourth-ſtreet* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was obſtructed, and deſiring that the ſaid Road may be cleared, was read; and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

Ordered, That *Toby Leech*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do go to the Governor, and inſpect the Entries in the Council-book concerning the ſaid Road; who being returned, brought with them the original Return of the ſaid Road, under the Hands of twelve Perſons, who, by Order of the Governor and Council, had reviewed and laid out the ſame the Twenty-

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fourth of *November*, 1711, being entered in the Council-book, and confirmed the Eleventh of *January* following; which said Return being read, 1713.

Resolved, That an Address be presented to the Governor for the Clearing of the said Road, according to the Prayer of the said Petitioners. *11th Mo.* 14.

The Petition of *Thomas Fairman*, complaining of an Abuse in laying out a Road through his Ground, was read a third Time:

Ordered, That the said *Thomas Fairman* do attend the House on *Seventh Day* Morning next, to make out his Petition, and that *Thomas Rutter* be desired to give him Notice to attend accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 15.

An Address for clearing of the Road from *Reading*'s Landing, at *Delaware*, to the *Fourth-street* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was read, and agreed to, being as follows.

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Freemen of the said Province, in Assembly met.

Humbly sheweth,

THAT *several Inhabitants of this Province having, in their Petition to us, set forth, that a High-road, which, for the publick and general Benefit of the Province, was laid out from* John Reading's *Landing, at* Delaware, *to the* Fourth Street *of the City of* Philadelphia, *is obstructed, so that they cannot enjoy the Benefit thereof; and upon reading the original Return of the said Road (under the Hands of twelve Persons, who subscribed the same) it appearing that the said Road was reviewed and laid out by Order of the Governor and Council, entred in the Council-book, and confirmed the eleventh of the Month called* January, 1711, *as the Laws of this Province direct and appoint.* Assembly's Address to the Governor.

We therefore humbly pray the Governor, that he would be pleased to issue such Order for the Clearing of the said Road, as to him shall seem agreeable to the Laws of this Province, and for the Benefit of the Publick.

Ordered, That the said Address be signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor by *Nicholas Waln*, and *Thomas Rutter*.

The said Members return and report, that they had delivered the said Address to the Governor, who informed them, that he would endeavour to get a Council together this Afternoon, in order to consider of the said Address, and other Matters now before him.

David Lloyd, and *Edward Farmar*, report, that they had waited on the Governor, pursuant to the Order of the House the 12th Instant, for an Answer to the Address of this House, concerning the Register-General's Office; and that the Governor was pleased to say, that he would deliver up the Books, Records and Papers, relating to the said Office, into the Hands of the Master of the Rolls, there to remain until an Order from the Proprietary, or his Lady, should direct him to deliver them to *Peter Evans*, or any other Person.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Report of the Committee of the whole House the 13th Instant, relating to the Ordinances made by the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia*, concerning the setting a Price upon Provisions, *&c.* and, after a long Debate thereupon (the Mayor and Commonalty, or their Counsel, not attending) the Question being put, Whether the House agrees with the Committee in their said Report, That the said Ordinances made by the Corporation of the City of *Philadelphia*, are contrary to Law, and therefore void? *Resolved in the Affirmative*; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that a Bill be brought in for the determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*? *Resolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That Candles be brought in.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that Money be raised for discharging the Debts due to the Publick, and for answering the present Exigencies of the Government? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That the House do, To-morrow Morning, proceed to consider of Ways and Means for raising Money for the Uses abovementioned; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 16.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Ways and Means for raising Money for discharging Debts due to the Publick, and answering the present Exigencies of the Go-

1713. Government, and, after a long Debate thereupon, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till *Third Day*, next Week, in the Forenoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

11*th Mo.* 16. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11*th Mo.* 18. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11*th Mo.* 19.

A Petition of *Peter Evans*, Regiſter-General of *Pennſylvania*, complaining that for want of the Records of the ſaid Office, he is incapable of performing the Duties incumbent on him in reſpect of the ſaid Office; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining that they are obliged to pay immoderate Stall-rents, and ſetting forth that the Free Wharffs of the City are incumbred, and want repairing; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do immediately reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means of raiſing Money for diſcharging the Publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government, and alſo to conſider of ſeveral Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, this Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Conſideration of Ways and Means of raiſing Money for diſcharging the Publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government, and alſo to conſider the ſeveral Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe according to Order reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed in the Conſideration of Ways and Means of raiſing Money for diſcharging the publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government; and alſo to conſider of ſeveral Grievances complained of to this Houſe; and, after a long Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, That having heard *Thomas Fairman* in relation to his Petition exhibited to this Aſſembly, and, upon his Examination, it appearing that he had not made his regular Application to the Court of Judicature, it is the Opinion of the ſaid Committee, that the Matters therein complained of are not cognizable by this Houſe, and therefore that the Petitioner be referred to ſeek his Remedy in a Courſe of Law.

The ſaid Report being read in the Houſe, was agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

He alſo reported, that the ſaid Committee had come to a Reſolution, which he read in his Place, and delivered in to the Houſe, *viz.*

That for the raiſing Money to diſcharge the publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government, it is the Opinion of the ſaid Committee, that the ſame be raiſed by an Impoſt.

The ſaid Reſolution of the Committee being read in the Houſe, and the Queſtion put, Whether the Houſe agrees with the Committee in their ſaid Report? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 20. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of *Peter Evans*, Regiſter-General of *Pennſylvania*, complaining, that for want of the Records of the ſaid Office he is incapable of performing the Duties incumbent on him, in reſpect of the ſaid Office, was read a ſecond Time;

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do go to Mr. *James Logan*, and procure from him a Sight or Copy of a Letter, ſaid to be ſent him from the Proprietary, or his Lady, relating to the Regiſter-General's Office.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Moyamenſing*, *Paſſyunk*, and *Wicacoa*, deſiring Liberty to build a Pound for ſecuring of ſtraying and treſpaſſing Cattle, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Radnor*, and other Towns in the County of *Cheſter*, and of the County of *Philadelphia*, deſiring Liberty to have two Fairs yearly *(viz.* on the firſt of *May*, and the ſixteenth of *October)* for Sale of their Cattle, and Commodities, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Blunſton*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire to know of him, whether the Laws paſt by former Aſſemblies, in the Time of his Government, are ſent to *England*; and whether he has any Account of their being approved or repealed there?

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor is not ſtirring.

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A Motion being made, that it is proper to settle what Sum shall be necessary for discharging the Publick Debts, and answering the present Exigencies of Government. 1713-14. 11th Mo. 20.

The Question being put, that the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be raised for the Purposes abovementioned? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to proceed in the Consideration of the most proper Methods of levying the said Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* by way of Impost as aforesaid, as also to consider of the several Petitions and Grievances complained of to this House; and, after a very long Debate thereon, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *Joseph Kirkbride*, Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had considered of the Matters to them referred, and have come to several Resolutions, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, *viz.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that an Impost of *Twenty-five Shillings per* Pipe be laid on all Wine imported into this Province; that *Two-pence per* Gallon be laid on all Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, imported as aforesaid; that *Three Shillings per* Barrel be laid on all Cyder imported, the Lower Counties and *Jerseys* excepted; and that *Three-pence per Pound* be laid on all Hops imported. And also, that it is the Opinion of the said Committee, that the Inhabitants of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk*, and *Wicacoa*, have Liberty to bring in a Bill for erecting a Pound, according to the Prayer of their Petition; which said Report being read in the House, the further Consideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

Joseph Kirkbride and *Thomas Stevenson* brought from *James Logan* an Extract of three Letters from the Proprietary's Lady, signifying that the Proprietary had commissionated *Peter Evans* to be Register-General of *Pennsylvania*, and lamenting his being so unkindly treated, *&c.* and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 21.

Jeremiah Langhorn, elected and returned to serve in Assembly for the County of *Bucks*, appeared, and refused to take the Qualification, prescribed by the Law of this Province, alledging several Reasons for such his Refusal.

The said *Jeremiah Langhorn* being withdrawn, and the Question put, whether the Excuses made by the said *Jeremiah Langhorn* be accepted or not? *Resolved in the Negative.*

Resolved, That the said *Jeremiah Langhorn*, for his said Offence, do forfeit the Sum of *Five Pounds*, to be recovered and paid as the Act for ascertaining the Number of Members of Assembly, and to regulate Elections, does appoint.

Resolved, That the Speaker issue his Order, directing the Secretary to issue a Writ to the Sheriff of the County of *Bucks*, for electing a new Member in the Room of the said *Jeremiah Langhorn*, refusing to serve in Assembly as aforesaid.

Resolved, That the Speaker do send his Order to *Thomas Stackhouse* (who has been absent for several Days) commanding his immediate Attendance on the Service of this House.

The Report of the Committee of the whole House, Yesterday, for laying an Impost upon Wine, Rum, Brandy, Spirits, Cyder and Hops, being read in the House, and the Question being put, that a Duty or Impost of *Twenty-five Shillings* a Pipe, and so proportionably on lesser Casks, be laid on all Wine imported into this Province? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The Question being put, that a Duty or Impost of *Two-pence per* Gallon be laid on all Rum, Brandy, and Spirits, to be imported into this Province? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The Question being put, that a Duty or Impost of *Three Shillings per* Barrel be laid on all Cyder imported into this Province, except from *Jersey* and the Lower Counties? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The Question being put, that a Duty or Impost of *Three-pence per Pound* be laid on all Hops imported into this Province? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The Question being put, that the Inhabitants of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk*, and *Wicacoa*, have Liberty to bring in a Bill for erecting a Pound according to the Prayer of their Petition? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

David Lloyd is appointed to acquaint some of the Petitioners with the Resolve last abovementioned; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Petition of several Inhabitants of *Pennsylvania*, desiring that the Millers may insert in their Receipts the Weight *per* Bushel of the Wheat they receive; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

David Lloyd, *Edward Farmar*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *John Blunston*, are ordered to wait on the Governor, and produce to him the Extract of the Letters received by *James Logan* from the Proprietary's Lady, concerning the Register-General; and also to desire to know of him, whether the Laws, passed in former Assemblies during his Government, are sent to *England*; and whether he has any Account of their being approved or repealed there?

1713-14. 11*th Mo.* 21. The ſaid Members return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that he anſwered them, that he depended on the Maſter of the Rolls and the late Speaker to ſend the Laws to *England*, and knew not whether they had been ſent or not: And as to that Part relating to the Regiſter-General, the Governor expreſſed his Willingneſs to deliver the Books, Papers and Records, of the Regiſter-General's Office, into the Hands of the Speaker of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 22. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe took into Conſideration that Part of the Anſwer brought Yeſterday from the Governor, about delivering up the Books, Records and Papers, relating to the Regiſter General's Office, into the Hands of the Speaker of this Aſſembly: And upon a long Debate of the Matter,

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Books, Records and Papers, relating to the Regiſter-General's Office, be delivered up by *Benjamin Mayne* (who lately acted as Regiſter-General) into the Hands of *Peter Evans*, who has given Security for the due Execution of the ſaid Office as the Law directs.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Nicholas Waln*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire him to give Directions to the ſaid *Benjamin Mayne* to comply with the ſaid Reſolve of this Houſe with all convenient Speed.

The Petition of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining againſt *Richard Walker*, the Coroner, for an undue Return of the Election of Sheriff of *Philadelphia*, the firſt of *October* laſt paſt; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *William Dewees*, of *Germantown*, complaining of an Oppreſſion by the ſix Weeks Court; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Nicholas Waln and *Joſeph Kirkbride* return, and report, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who returned Anſwer, that if this Houſe will iſſue an Order to *Benjamin Mayne* to deliver the aforementioned Books, Records and Papers, to *Peter Evans*, he will aſſent to it.

Reſolved, That the Speaker do forthwith iſſue an Order accordingly; which was done, and is as follows.

To *BENJAMIN MAYNE.*

Order to *Benjamin Mayne.* *THESE are to require thee (with the Aſſent of the Governor) to deliver all the Books, Papers, Records and Seal, belonging to the Regiſter-General's Office, unto* Peter Evans, *who has given Security for the due Execution of the ſaid Office, according to the Laws of this Province. Dated this Twenty-ſecond Day of the* Eleventh Month, 1713.

By Order of the Houſe,

JOSEPH GROWDON, Speaker.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do deliver the ſaid Order to *Benjamin Mayne* immediately; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in for laying aſide the Six-weeks Court, as rather being burthenſome than anſwering the Ends propoſed: After a long Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, that a Bill be brought in accordingly; and that no Proceſs ſhall be returnable but to the Quarterly Court; nor Judgments given but there; nor any Rules for Pleading, but at certain Days prefixed in the Bill; and that the Declaration upon a Summons ſhall not be filed in the Office but at the Return Day; and that if any Freeholder ſhall happen to be arreſted, contrary to the true Intent of the Law of this Province, upon ſhewing the ſame to the Court, the Court, *ex Officio*, may abate the Writ, and allow the Coſts? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 23. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of an undue Election of Sheriff of the ſaid County, the firſt of *October* laſt, was read a ſecond Time.

The Queſtion being put, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for regulating the Election of *Sheriffs? Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, deſiring that the Millers may inſert in their Receipts the Weight *per* Buſhel of the Wheat they receive; was read a ſecond Time;

Time; and the Question being put, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition? *Resolved in the Affirmative.* 1713-14.

Ordered, That the Minutes of this Assembly, made during the whole Session, be read (by the Clerk) in the House; which was done accordingly. *11th Mo.* 23.

Peter Evans attended, and acquainted the House, that *Benjamin Mayne* had delivered to him a Trunk, which, he said, contained all the Books, Papers and Records, and the Seal of the Register-General's Office; but refused to deliver them up by Indenture or Schedule, alledging that he had not received them in that Manner.

Richard Hill, and *John Swift*, are desired to inspect the said Books, Papers and Records, and, with the Assistance of the Clerk, make a Schedule of them.

The Question being put, that a Bill be brought in to repeal the Ordinances made by the Mayor and Commonalty of *Philadelphia*, for setting a Price on Provisions, *&c.* and for preventing such Exorbitances for the future? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that a Bill be brought in, requiring that all Fines, Forfeitures and Perquisites, belonging to the Governor or Government, shall be paid into the Hands of the Provincial Treasurer for the Time being? *Resolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

David Lloyd is appointed to prepare Draughts of the several Bills following, *viz.*

For the better determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*; for laying an Impost on Wine, Rum, Brandy, *&c.* for laying aside the Six-weeks Court; for repealing the City Ordinances; and that all Fines, Forfeitures and Perquisites, be paid to the Provincial Treasurer.

A Motion being made, that the Minutes of this House be published in the Coffee-house:

Resolved, That the Clerk do prepare a Copy of the same, to be first perused, compared with the Journal of the House, and signed by the Speaker.

Nicholas Fairlamb, and *Matthias Keen*, are appointed to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House having come to some Resolutions, and ordered several Bills to be brought in, are in the mean Time (with his Concurrence) inclined to adjourn till the Eighth of next Month; who being returned, report, that they could not meet with the Governor.

The said Members are desired to wait on him again, and if they cannot find him, to leave the said Message with the Secretary; and then the House adjourned till the Eighth of the *Twelfth Month*, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE several Members of Assembly herein after named met this Day according to Adjournment of the Twenty-third of last Month, *viz. Joseph Growdon*, Esq; Speaker, *Robert Jones, Toby Leech, John Roberts, Thomas Rutter, Nicholas Waln, Matthias Keen, John Warner, Isaac Norris, Richard Hill, William Davis, Richard Hayes, John Blunston, John Swift*, and *Thomas Stackhouse*; and then adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 8. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The several Members of Assembly herein after named, met this Day according to Adjournment, *viz. Edward Farmar, Toby Leech, John Roberts, Nicholas Waln, Thomas Rutter, Matthias Keen, John Warner, William Davis, Nathaniel Newlin, William Brainton, John Blunston, John Swift, Thomas Stevenson, Thomas Stackhouse, John Sotcher*, and *Richard Hill*;——besides the Speaker, and *Isaac Norris*, in Town.——Who being informed, that the Governor was out of Town, and that the Extremity of Weather, and Sickness of some Members, hindered several from coming to Town. Adjourned until the Fifteenth Instant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. *12th Mo.* 9. Adjournment.

THE several Members of Assembly herein after named, met this Day according to Adjournment, *viz. Edward Farmar, Toby Leech, John Roberts, Nicholas Waln, Thomas Rutter, Matthias Keen, John Warner, Robert Jones, David Lloyd, William Davis, Nathaniel Newlin, Richard Hayes, William Brainton, John Blunston, John Swift, John Sotcher, Joseph Kirkbride, Isaac Norris*, and *Richard Hill*;——besides the Speaker in Town; and then adjourned till Nine To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 15. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Representatives met, and being a Quorum, the Speaker assumed the Chair. *12th Mo.* 16.

Edward Farmar, and *John Swift*, are appointed to wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that by Reason of the Extremity of Weather, and Indisposition of several Members, they could not make a House on the Day of their last Adjournment (*viz.* the Eighth Instant) that they had agreed to meet this Day, and are a House, and ready to proceed to Business, and desire to know whether he has any Thing further to lay before them? The said Members return and report, that they had delivered their Message to the Governor according to Order, who returned Answer, that he could not take Notice of them as a House.

A Petition of the *Swedish* Inhabitants of this Province was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Governor's Answer to the Message sent him by the House; and, after a long Debate thereon,

Resolved,

1713-14. 12*th Mo.* 16. *Reſolved*, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Toby Leech*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a full Number of the Members now aſſembled together, and ſince he does not think fit to take Notice of them as a Houſe, they are inclined to adjourn till the Firſt of *May* next, unleſs the Governor ſhall think fit to call them together ſooner; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Kirkbride, and *Toby Leech*, report, that they had delivered the Meſſage of this Houſe according to Order, and that the Governor anſwered, he could not take any Notice of them as a Houſe, and that he would conſult his Council, and Lawyers, what was proper to be done, whether for calling the preſent Members, or a new Aſſembly.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Anſwer to their ſaid Meſſage; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be drawn up, and preſented to the Governor, in Reply to the Governor's ſaid Anſwer.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *John Swift*, *John Blunſton*, *Robert Jones*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *John Roberts*, do prepare and draw up the ſaid Addreſs, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 17. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd (from the Committee) brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to Order, which was read, and delivered in at the Table.

The ſaid Addreſs being again read by Paragraphs, was agreed to by the Houſe, with a ſmall Amendment, being as followeth.

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

Addreſs to the Governor concerning the Miſſing of Adjournment.

WE the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in Aſſembly met, the ſeventeenth Day of February, 1713, *being much concerned, that the Governor ſhould be prevailed upon to inſiſt, that we are not a Houſe, becauſe eighteen of us did not meet on the Eighth Inſtant, do earneſtly deſire that the Governor would be pleaſed to be informed, that it was not any wilful Neglect, or Slackneſs of Duty to ſerve the Publick, that was the Cauſe of ſo ſmall an Appearance that Day; but Sickneſs, and Extremity of Weather, rendered it impoſſible for divers of us to comply with that Adjournment.*

Neverthleſs fifteen met that Day, and eighteen the next, and would have waited on the Governor to know his Pleaſure, concerning their next Meeting, but the Governor not being in Town, the Members then preſent, being a Majority of the Whole, agreed to come together at this Time, as was lawful for them to do, and hath been formerly done upon ſuch Emergency; and we hope the Governor will not be offended with us for being of this Opinion, when he fully conſiders the Conſtitution and Nature of the Legiſlative Authority of this Province.

We deſire the Governor to take Notice, that the royal Charter gave our Proprietary, and his Deputies, Power to enact Laws, by and with the Advice and Aſſent of the Freemen of this Province, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates; whom, for the Enacting of the ſaid Laws, when and as often as Need ſhould require, the Proprietary, and his Heirs, ſhould aſſemble, in ſuch Sort and Manner as to him and them ſhould ſeem beſt.

Now by this Clauſe the Law of Majority is abſolutely ſettled, as is uſual in all ſuch Aſſemblies; and, purſuant to the ſaid Power, we find, the Proprietary and Freemen have conſtituted a ſtanding annual Aſſembly, to be choſen at a certain Day, requiring their Attendance under certain Penalties, allowing them divers Privileges in particular, beſides all the Privileges of Aſſemblies in the Queen's Dominions in general.

We know it is objected, that unleſs Two Thirds of the whole Number of Repreſentatives meet on the Day of Adjournment, there can be no Houſe, which we can in no wiſe allow: Becauſe by the Law which requires Two Thirds to make an Aſſembly, it has been generally underſtood, that a leſſer Number could not act legiſlatively; but never doubted till of late, that ſuch as met were a Houſe to adjourn from Day to Day till they had a Quorum; and to admit of another Conſtruction, would render the Powers of the ſaid royal Grant, as well as our Laws, in that Point, very ineffectual, and make the Act of God the Inſtrument of doing that great Wrong to the Powers of Aſſembly, contrary to the known Maxim and Principle of Law.

Therefore we deſire that the Governor may duly conſider the Premiſes, and join with us in Legiſlation, and not ſuffer the Inſinuations of any to fruſtrate our good Purpoſes to ſerve the Governor in particular, and the Country in general.

By Order of the Houſe,

JOSEPH GROWDON, Speaker.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said Address be ingrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor by *William Davis*, and *Thomas Stackhouse*, immediately. 1713-14. 12th Mo. 17.

The said Members return and report, that the Governor was at Dinner.

Ordered, That they present the said Address to the Governor, after he has dined, and bring his Answer this Afternoon to the House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to deliver the Address of the House to the Governor, report, that they had waited on the Governor, and offered to present unto him the said Address, according to Order, but that the Governor refused to touch, or receive the same, saying, they were an unlawful Assembly, and bid them be gone about their Business, otherwise he would order the Sheriff and Constables to send them going. Governor refuses an Address of the House.

Ordered, That a Copy of the said Address be published in the Coffee-house.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, That a Copy of the Proceedings of this Assembly be published in the Coffee-house? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the said Copy be made by the Clerk of this House, perused and signed by the Speaker.

Resolved, That an Order be drawn upon the Provincial Treasurer, and signed by the Speaker, for paying unto *Richard Hill*, the Sum of *Eight Pounds*, for the Service of the Clerk of Assembly this Session,	£.	8	0 0
Also for *Three Pounds*, *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence*, due to *Nicholas Rosogan*, for Twenty-four Days Attendance as Door-keeper, and for Candles to this Assembly,		3	4 6
More, for Money by the said *Richard Hill* disbursed on Account of a former Assembly,		2	0 0
More, for so much due to the above-named *Nicholas Rosogan*, as, by a former Order, drawn on the Treasurer the Twentieth of the *Fifth Month*, 1711, and yet remaining unpaid, appears,		1	12 6
In all *Fourteen Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*,	£	14	17 0

Resolved, That in case the Treasurer refuse to pay the said Sums of Money, the same shall be esteemed as a Debt on the Publick; and then the House adjourned till the seventeenth Day of the *Third Month* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE House met, pursuant to their last Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1714. 3d Mo. 17. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Rutter*, do wait on the Governor, to know whether he hath any Thing to lay before this House.

The said Members return and report, that the Governor is not in Town.

The Question being put, that this House do adjourn until the Second of the *Sixth Month* next? *It passed in the Affirmative*; and accordingly the House adjourned unto the Second of the *Sixth Month* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE several Members here-under-named met this Day, pursuant to their last Adjournment, *viz. Toby Leech*, *William Davis*, *John Swift*, *John Roberts*, *John Warner*, *Nicholas Waln*, and *Thomas Stackhouse*;——besides the Speaker in Town.——Who considering the Governor has summoned all the Representatives to meet To-morrow, agreed to adjourn till that Time. Adjourned, *&c.* 6th Mo. 2. *Post Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The House met pursuant to the Summons of the Governor, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 3.

A Message being sent to the Governor by *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Joseph Kirkbride*, that this House is met in Obedience to his Summons, and desire to know whether he has any Thing to lay before them? The said Members return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor; who acquainted them, he had ordered his Council to meet To-morrow Morning, and that then he would order this House to attend him; and then the House adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 4.

A Message from the Governor (by *Robert Assheton*) directing the House to wait on him immediately.

Resolved, That the House do immediately attend the Governor.

And the Speaker, with the whole House, went to wait on the Governor accordingly. And being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor informed him, that he had received from the Lords Commissioners of the Plantations, a List of several Laws of this Province,

1714. vince, which have been approved, and others repealed by her Majeſty; and left it to the Conſideration of the Houſe, to take ſuch Meaſures as they thought proper on that Account. And further recommended to the Houſe to proceed in the Buſineſs which was depending before them.

6th Mo. 4.

The Speaker alſo reports, that he received from the Governor ſeveral Papers, Copies whereof are here under, *viz.*

At the Court at St. James's, *the 20th of* February, 1713.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's *moſt excellent Majeſty in Council.*

Queen's Order for repealing divers Laws.

UPON reading this Day at the Board, a Repreſentation from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, ſetting forth, That having received from *William Penn*, Eſq; Proprietary of her Majeſty's Province of *Pennſylvania*, a Collection of Laws, under the Seal of that Province, paſſed there in the Years 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712; and having conſidered the ſame, and received the Opinion of her Majeſty's Sollicitor General thereupon, in Point of Law, who has made Objections againſt the Confirming ſeveral of them here under named, as unfit for her Majeſty's royal Approbation, wherein alſo the ſaid Lords Commiſſioners do alſo concur with him, and humbly offer that her Majeſty will be pleaſed to ſignify her Diſallowance of the ſame, *viz.*

An Act *for aſcertaining the Rates of Money for Payment of Debts, and preventing Exactions in Contracts and Bargains, made before the Firſt of* May, 1709, and paſſed in *Pennſylvania, October* 14, 1708.

An Act *for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature*, paſſed in *February*, 1710.

An Act *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.*

An Act *for acknowledging and recording of Deeds.*

An Act *directing an Affirmation to ſuch who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath.*

An Act *of Privileges to a Freeman.*

An Act *againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games.*

An Act *for Priority of Payments of Debts to the Inhabitants of this Province.*

An Act *for regulating Party Walls and Buildings in* Philadelphia.

An Act *for laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Wine, Rum and other Spirits, Cyder and Veſſels.*

An Act *confirming Patents amd Grants*, 1711.

An Act *for better Government of the City of* Philadelphia.

An Act *for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments.*

A ſupplementary Act *to a Law about the Manner of giving Evidence.*

An Act *to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province.*

A ſupplementary Act *to an Act*, intituled, *an Impoſt* Act, *laying a Duty on* Negroes, *Rum, Wine, Spirits, Cyder and Veſſels, and appropriating certain Sums of Money ariſing by the ſame, and other publick Stock of this Province.*

Her Majeſty taking the ſame into Conſideration, is pleaſed (with the Advice of her Privy Council) purſuant to the Powers reſerved to her Majeſty, by the Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England*, to the ſaid *William Penn*, to declare her Diſallowance and Diſapprobation of the ſaid ſeveral Laws; and according to her Majeſty's Pleaſure thereupon, the ſame are hereby repealed, declared void, and of none Effect: And it is further ordered by her Majeſty, that the Deputy-Governor, Council and Aſſembly of *Pennſylvania*, be, and they are hereby ſtrictly enjoined and required not to permit the ſaid Laws, or any Part of them, to be from henceforward put in Execution; but that they forthwith declare the ſame to be null and void, to all Intents and Purpoſes, as they will anſwer the Contrary.

JOHN POVEY.

At the Court at St. James's, *the* 20*th* of February, 1713. 1714. 6*th Mo.* 4.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's *moſt excellent Majeſty*,

Lord Chancellor,
Lord Treaſurer,
Lord Preſident,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of Beaufort,
Duke of Argyle,
Duke of Athol,
Lord Steward,
Earl of Northampton,
Earl of Clarendon,
Earl of Angleſea,
Earl of Rocheſter,
Earl of Abington,
Earl of Marr,
Earl of Orkney,
Earl of Iſlay,
Earl Ferrers,
Earl of Portmore,
Lord Viſcount Bolingbroke,
Lord North *and* Grey,
Lord Berkley,
Mr. Comptroller,
Mr. Secretary Bromley,
Lord Chief Juſtice Parker,
Lord Chief Juſtice Trevor,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Sir Charles Hedges.

Queen's Order for confirming divers Laws.

UPON reading this Day at the Board, a Repreſentation from the Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, ſetting forth, That having received from *William Penn*, Eſq; Proprietary of her Majeſty's Province of *Pennſylvania*, a Collection of Laws, under the Seal of that Province, paſſed there in 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712, and, amongſt others, the ſeveral here under written, which they having peruſed and conſidered, have no Objection againſt them; ſo that in caſe her Majeſty doth not ſee Cauſe within ſix Months to repeal any of them, they will remain in full Force, purſuant to the Charter of Property, granted to the ſaid *William Penn*, viz.

An Act *for the better enabling of divers Inhabitants of the Province of* Penſylvania, *to hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Plantations, in the ſame Province*; paſſed the 29th of *September*, 1709.

An Act *that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*; paſſed 1710.

An Act *to prevent Diſputes which may hereafter ariſe about the Dates of Conveyances, and other Inſtruments and Writings.*

An Act *for the better improving a good Correſpondence with the* Indians. [Expired the 28th of *February*, 1713.]

An Act *impowering Commiſſioners to compel the collecting of all Arrearages of former Taxes.* [Expired.]

An Act *for raiſing a Supply of* Two-pence *per* Pound, *and* Eight Shillings *per Head.* [Expired.]

An Act *for raiſing* Two Thouſand Pounds *for the Queen's Uſe, by a Tax of* Five-pence Halfpenny *per* Pound, *and* Twenty Shillings *per Head*; paſſed *Auguſt* 10, 1711.

ACTS paſſed 1712.

An Act *for better aſcertaining the Publick Debts, and collecting the Arrears of County Levies.*

An Act *for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the publick Uſe and Benefit thereof.*

An Act *concerning the Regiſter-General's Office.*

An Act *for eſtabliſhing the Lower Ferry on the River* Schuylkill.

An Act *for eſtabliſhing and regulating of Ferries over* Delaware *River, and* Neſhaminy *Creek.*

An Act *for the further Security of the Adminiſtration of the Government.*

Her Majeſty taking the ſame into Conſideration, is pleaſed, with the Advice of her Privy Council, purſuant to the Powers reſerved to her Majeſty, by the Letters Patents under the Great Seal of *England* to the ſaid *William Penn*, to declare her Approbation of the ſame; and, according to her Majeſty's royal Pleaſure thereupon expreſſed, the ſaid Laws are hereby confirmed, finally enacted and ratified; whereof the Deputy Governor, Council and Aſſembly of the ſaid Province are to take Notice, and to cauſe them to be effectually obſerved, and put in Execution accordingly.

EDWARD SOUTHWELL.

Whitehall,

1714. 6th Mo. 4. Letter from Lords for Trade, &c.

Whitehall, March 19, 1713-14.

SIR,

MR. *Penn* having laid before her Majeſty, a Collection of ſome Laws of *Pennſylvania*, paſſed there in the Years 1708, 1709, 1710, 1711, and 1712; her Majeſty has been pleaſed, by her Orders in Council, of the 20th of *February* laſt, to repeal ſeveral of the ſaid Laws, and to confirm others; we ſend you here incloſed, her Majeſty's ſaid Orders, that you may cauſe them to be publiſhed in your Government, and obſerved there; and that you may be informed of the Reaſons for repealing the ſaid Laws, we ſend you here incloſed, a Copy of Mr. Sollicitor-General's Report upon that Matter; and are

Your very loving Friends,

GUILFORD,
PHILIP MEADOWS,
ROBERT MONCKTON,
SAMUEL PYTTS.

To Capt. GOOKIN.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, do wait on the Governor, to deſire a Copy of the Sollicitor-General's Report, and Reaſons for Repeal of the Laws in the preceding Letter mentioned.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor informed them, he had not received the ſaid Report of the Sollicitor-General, or his Reaſons aforementioned.

Robert Aſheton brought to the Houſe from the Governor the following Paper, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

Governor's Meſſage.

'I HAVE lately received from the Lords Commiſſioners for Trade and Plantations, as 'well the Confirmation as Diſallowance of ſeveral of our Laws, which, according to 'her Majeſty's Command, I have made publick. I lay the Letter and Orders before you; 'and recommend the State of the Province, at this Juncture, to your Conſideration.

'You will find in the Lords Commiſſioners Letter Mention made of the Sollicitor-Gene'ral's Reaſons for the Repeal of ſome of the Laws; but they are not yet come to my 'Hands.

'I have only to add, that the Year being almoſt expired, you will give ſome Diſpatch to 'thoſe Affairs I laid before you at your firſt Sitting.'

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration what is fit by them to be done in relation to the Laws repealed by her Majeſty, and alſo in reſpect to the Diſpatch of the Buſineſs depending in this Houſe; and after a long Debate of the ſame, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 5. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of what may be fit to be done in relation to the Laws repealed by the Queen; and alſo to the Diſpatch of the Buſineſs depending in this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Ordinance made by the Governor for holding Courts of Judicature be laid before this Houſe: The ſaid Ordinance was read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That an Addreſs be preſented to the Governor, ſetting forth the Difficulties this Country now labours under by the late Repeal of ſeveral Laws of this Province by her Majeſty, in reſpect to the holding of Courts, and an Affirmation, which ſeems at this Time neceſſary for the Diſpatch of Buſineſs; and alſo in reſpect of the Ordinance lately publiſhed by the Governor;

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Iſaac Norris*, do prepare and draw up the ſaid Addreſs, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of *Andrew Bradford*, ſetting forth, that, by Order of the Governor and Aſſembly, he has printed the Laws of this Province; that the Repeal of ſeveral Laws by her Majeſty, has put a Stop to the Sale of them; and deſiring to be relieved by this Houſe; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *John Swift*, do get an Account from *Richard Hill* what Agreement he and the rest of the Committee made with *Andrew Bradford* about printing the Laws of this Province, and bring the same to the House immediately. 1714. 6th Mo. 5.

The said Members return, and report, that the Committee, for printing the Laws, had agreed to pay the Printer *Thirty Pounds* for Fifty bound Books of the said Laws; and *Six Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, to *David Lloyd*, for his written Copy of the same.

Ordered, That the said printed Books be brought to this House To-morrow Morning by *Nicholas Rosogan*, Door-keeper of this House; and then the House adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 6.

David Lloyd, and *Isaac Norris*, brought in the Draught of an Address to the Governor, which was read, and, with some small Amendments, agreed to by the House as follows.

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province, in General Assembly met, the sixth Day of *August*, 1714.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to the Governor.

WE *are obliged in Duty to acknowledge thy Care and Diligence in signifying to us the Queen's Pleasure concerning our Laws: And now having maturely considered the Difficulties which the Repeal (laid before us) will bring upon the People, we find there is a Necessity of preparing certain Bills, in order to be passed into Laws for their Relief under the present Exigency; but for want of the Sollicitor-General's Report, and Reasons of the said Repeal, we cannot at present enter upon those Bills, lest we re-enact what our gracious Sovereign has thought fit to disallow, or fall short in making such Provision for the Ease and Utility of her Subjects, as in her great Condescension she may be willing to grant; we hope the said Reasons may shortly come to the Governor's Hands; and if it happen before the next Election, we shall be willing to do what is proper on our Parts. In the mean Time the Course of Justice may not meet with an entire Stop (as we conceive) because the Connusance of Pleas and other necessary Powers are so amply and effectually granted to the Justices of the respective Courts by their present Commissions, and so well warranted by Law and the royal Charter for this Province, that the Repeal of the late Law of Courts does not vacate them.*

Now forasmuch as the Ordinance lately made for erecting of Courts, if put in Execution, may prove offensive to the Queen, in that it seems to re-inforce the Substance of the said repealed Bill of Courts, adding likewise some Powers to the Six-weeks Court, which may be as prejudicial to the People in general, as these Courts have been to the Inhabitants of the City and County of Philadelphia; *and not only so, but it brings the Governor under a Necessity to put the Province to the Inconveniency of new Commissions to the Magistrates in every County, who for the most Part being of the People called* Quakers, *to act by those new Commissions, without the Help of a Law, which we think may not be decent or prudent to proceed upon, till we know the Queen's further Pleasure therein.*

Therefore, may it please the Governor to wave the said Ordinance, and issue forth such a Declaration, or other publick Instrument, as may direct the approaching Courts to be held at the usual Days, Times and Places, and to continue the Pleas and Process then depending before them till the succeeding Courts, and to make all new Process returnable accordingly; before which Time we hope that this or the next Assembly may be furnished with the Sollicitor-General's Opinion, which will be an Encouragement as well to proceed to the Business formerly before this House, which also is now recommended by the Governor's Speech, as to answer the Governor's just Expectations, and establish the People in their Rights and Liberties.

Ordered, That the said Address be ingrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor, by *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Stevenson*.

The said Members return, and report, that they had delivered the said Address to the Governor, according to Order; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Resolved, That the Speaker issue his Order unto *Richard Hill*, to pay unto *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, *Thirty Pounds*, for Fifty bound Volumes of the Laws of this Province, and that the same be allowed him out of the *Fifty Pounds* issued to him for printing the said Laws, by order of Assembly, the Seventh of the *Fourth Month*, 1712, £ 30 0 0

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Brought over	£	30	0 0
Alſo that he iſſue the like Order, to pay *David Lloyd*, *Six Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, for his written Copy of the ſaid Laws, to be allowed as above,		6	7 6
	£	36	7 6

Both which ſaid Orders were iſſued by the Speaker accordingly.

The ſaid Fifty printed bound Books of the Laws of this Province were brought to the Houſe; and, upon the Queſtion put, were ordered to be diſtributed as follows, *viz.*

That the Honourable Governor have one of ſaid Books,	1
The Council-board one,	1
The Commiſſioners of Property one,	1
Each Court of Juſtice one,	4
Richard Hill, *David Lloyd*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Joſeph Growdon*, each one,	4
Each Grand Jury one,	4
Each County, and the City of *Philadelphia*, ſeven,	28
Caleb Puſey, *Samuel Preſton*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *John Swift*, and *William Davis*, being the Committee for printing the ſaid Laws, each one,	5
And for the Uſe of the Aſſembly for the Time being,	2
	50

Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Speaker cauſe the ſaid Books to be delivered accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 7.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Thomas Stevenſon, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, having been ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, that the Houſe deſires to know whether he has any Thing to lay before them, in anſwer to their Addreſs; and that otherwiſe, it being the latter End of the Week, the Houſe is inclined to adjourn for ſome Time; the ſaid Members return, and report, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor; that he had failed of getting his Council together laſt Night, and would in Half an Hour give the Houſe his Anſwer to their ſaid Addreſs.

Ordered, That the printed Books of the Laws of this Province, as allowed Yeſterday, be delivered to the Perſons following, *viz.*

For the City of *Philadelphia*, and for the Grand Jury and Court of Juſtice there; to *Iſaac Norris*, nine.

For the County of *Philadelphia*; to *Joſeph Growdon*, nine.

For the County of *Bucks*; to *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Thomas Stackhouſe*, nine.

For the County of *Cheſter*; to *Nicholas Fairlamb*, and *John Blunſton*, nine.

The Governor ſent (by *Ralph Aſheton*) a Meſſage in Writing, in anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe, which was read in the Houſe, being as follows.

Governor's Meſſage.

GENTLEMEN,

'I ENDEAVOURED Yeſterday all I could to get a Council to adviſe with what 'Anſwer to give to your Addreſs, but in vain. If there ſhould be a Failure of what is 'neceſſary for the Publick Good, at this Juncture, I hope it will not be imputed to me, as 'I was ready to do my Part.

'Although the Reaſons for the Repeal of ſome of our Laws are unhappily left behind, 'it does not follow that the Current of Juſtice ſhould be ſtopt, as of Neceſſity it muſt, if 'ſome Proviſion be not made for Inqueſt, and Evidence. I leave it to your Conſideration 'whether the poſtponing a Law to that End may not be prejudicial to the Country?

'If you incline to adjourn, I hope you will examine the Treaſurer's Accounts, that I 'may know what Money is due to me from the Publick.'

A Motion being made, that a new Treaſurer be choſen in the Room of *Samuel Carpenter*, deceaſed, *Samuel Preſton* was nominated by the Houſe for that Office.

Reſolved, That *Richard Hill*, *Edward Farmar*, *John Swift*, and *Nicholas Fairlamb*, be a Committee to inſpect the ſaid late Treaſurer's Accounts, and make Report of the State thereof next Sitting to the Aſſembly.

The Clerk (according to Order) delivered to the Speaker the Tickets of each Member's Attendance this Seſſion.

Ordered, That the ſaid ſeveral Tickets be ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to the reſpective Members.

And the Clerk, by like Order, ſigned the Speaker's Ticket.

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The Clerk produced his Account of Attendance and Service this Seſſion, amounting to *Ten Pounds Sixteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, whereof *Eight Pounds* being allowed the 17th of *Twelfth Month*, the Remainder, being *Two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, was allowed him this Day.

Nicholas Roſogan's Account for ſeven Days Attendance, ſince laſt Adjournment (17th of *Twelfth Month*) at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, and for Candles, *One Shilling* and *Six-pence*; in both,

£	2	16	6
	0	19	0
£	3	15	6

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Notes for the two laſt Sums, being *Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*.

Ordered, That the Minutes ſince this laſt Seſſion of the Third Inſtant, be tranſcribed fair by the Clerk, examined and ſigned by the Speaker, and publiſhed in the Coffee-houſe.

Ordered, That the Repeal and Confirmation of ſeveral Laws of this Province, by the Queen, and Letter from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade, be returned to the Governor by the Clerk of this Houſe.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor, by *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, that the Houſe have nominated a new Provincial Treaſurer, in the Room of *Samuel Carpenter*, deceaſed, and have appointed a Committee to examine his Accounts; and alſo to acquaint him, that the Houſe are inclined to adjourn to the Twenty-third of next Month; the ſaid Members return and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, who acquainted them, that in caſe the Reaſons of the Repeal from the Queen ſhould arrive, he would call this Houſe together ſooner than their ſaid propoſed Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-third of the *Seventh Month*. Adjournment.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1714.

8th Mo. 14.

THE Sheriff of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, made Return of the Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for that County and City, *viz.* for the County, *Robert Jones*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Edward Farmar*, *John Warner*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Toby Leech*, *John Roberts*, and *Thomas Rutter*; for the City, *Richard Hill*, and *Samuel Preſton*.

The Sheriff of the County of *Cheſter*, alſo made Return of the Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for that County, *viz. David Lloyd*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Evan Lewis*, *John Miller*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Samuel Garratt*, and *Richard Maris*.

The Sheriff of the County of *Bucks* has not delivered in a Return of Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for that County; but the following Perſons appeared in the Houſe, as Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year for that County, *viz. Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Stoffel Vanſand*, *Everard Bolton*, and *Robert Harvey*.

The Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, met at the uſual Place in the City of *Philadelphia*; and being a Quorum, as the Charter of Privileges directs, the chuſing of a Speaker was adjourned till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

8th Mo. 15.

The Repreſentatives elected to ſerve in Aſſembly, met this Day according to their Adjournment; and being a Quorum, elected *David Lloyd*, Eſq; to be their Speaker, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a full Houſe; that they have choſen their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will be attended by the Houſe, in order to preſent their Speaker.

The ſaid Members return and report, the Governor had appointed this Houſe to attend him with their Speaker at Four a Clock this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, that the Houſe is ready to attend him with their Speaker; the ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor is ready to receive them immediately.

Then the Houſe went to attend the Governor in order to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to the Houſe, and had promiſed to ſend them a Copy thereof.

Ralph

1714. 8th *Mo.* 15. *Ralph Aſheton*, from the Governor, brought a Copy of the ſaid Speech, being as followeth.

Governor's Speech.

GENTLEMEN,

'THE laſt Year being run out, and nothing done by that Aſſembly, I muſt refer you 'to what I laid before them at their firſt Sitting, and to what I delivered to them the 'Fourth of *Auguſt*.

'I muſt let you know, that of the *Five Hundred Pounds*, granted by an Impoſt in the 'Year 1712, there is not yet above *Three Hundred Pounds* paid: This I preſs you to take 'into your Conſideration, and hope you will ſee it rectify'd.

'Gentlemen, the Proprietary's Powers in Government being ſtill inveſted in me, I am 'ready to join with you in any Act that may be neceſſary for the Welfare of the Province; 'but at the ſame time I muſt acquaint you, it is as neceſſary to me that I be properly ſup-'ported in the Adminiſtration.'

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, and *Nicholas Pile*, that the Houſe being informed that there is no legal Notice of the Demiſe of the Queen, and thereby a Difficulty ariſing, in reſpect to the Qualification of the Members, this Houſe is inclined to adjourn till the Thirteenth of the *Tenth Month* next, unleſs the Governor ſhall ſee Cauſe to call them together ſooner; the ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor; that he ſeemed very well ſatisfied with the ſaid propoſed Adjournment, and hoped by that Time he ſhould have Advices from *England*; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Thirteenth of the *Tenth Month* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 13. *Poſt Meridiem.* THE Sheriff of the County of *Bucks* made Return of the Members elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for that County for the Year enſuing, *viz. John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Stoffel Vanſand*, *William Stockdell*, *William Paxon*, and *Robert Harvey*.

The ſeveral Members of Aſſembly here under named met this Day purſuant to their laſt Adjournment, *viz.* the Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Toby Leech*, *Richard Hill*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Evan Lewis*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Samuel Garratt*, *Richard Maris*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirbride*, and *Everard Bolton*; who conſidering that the Extremity of Weather has hinder'd the Arrival of ſeveral Members this Day, agreed to meet again To-morrow at Two a Clock in the Afternoon; and accordingly the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 14. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

An Account was brought to the Houſe, that *John Miller*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for *Cheſter* County, is lately deceaſed.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Nicholas Pile*, and *Samuel Preſton*, that there is a competent Number of the Members in the Houſe, and deſire to know if he has any particular Directions as to the Qualification of the Members of this Houſe; the ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage according to Order; that the Governor made Anſwer, he had no particular Directions for Qualification of the Members of Aſſembly; but had ſent the following Papers to be peruſed by this Houſe, *viz.* a Letter ſigned by the Lords of the Council, dated at *Whitehall*, the Tenth of *Auguſt*, 1714, notifying the Death of her Majeſty, the late Queen ANNE, and directing the Governor to proclaim his preſent Majeſty King GEORGE; a Letter, ſigned by the Lord *Bolingbroke*, Secretary of State, to the ſame Purpoſe; and a Letter from the Lords Commiſſioners of Trade and Plantations, dated the Eleventh of *Auguſt*, 1714, to the ſame Purpoſe. All which were read in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare and draw up a Qualification, to be ſubſcribed by the Members of this Aſſembly To-morrow Morning, according to the Directions of a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate Elections*, paſſed in the fourth Year of the Reign of the late Queen ANNE, inſerting the Name of King GEORGE, in the Room of the ſaid late Queen.

Ordered, That the Clerk return to the Governor the ſaid three Papers before mentioned; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The following Members ſubſcribed the Qualification above-mentioned, the ſame being firſt read to them by the Clerk, with an audible Voice, *viz. David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Nicholas Waln*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Toby Leech*, *Thomas Rutter*, *Richard Hill*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Samuel Garratt*, *Evan Lewis*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Stoffel Vanſand*, *Robert Harvey*, and *William Stockdell*.

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Richard Maris (being indiſpoſed) had Leave to be abſent for ſome Time. 1714.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue his Order to the following Members to give their immediate Attendance on the Service of this Houſe, *viz. Robert Jones*, *Edward Farmar*, *John Warner*, and *John Roberts*; and that *David Evans*, Under Sheriff of this County, do ſerve them with the ſaid Order; that the like Order be ſent to *James Moon*, Under Sheriff of *Bucks* County, to ſerve *William Paxon*, to require his immediate Attendance. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 10th Mo. 15. Adjournment.

The ſeveral Members of Aſſembly under named, met this Day purſuant to their Adjournment, *viz. David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Toby Leech*, *Richard Hill*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Evan Lewis*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Samuel Garratt*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Stoffell Vanſand*, and *Robert Harvey*; who having waited for the abſent Members, Yeſterday ſent for, until One a Clock, adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 10th Mo. 16. Adjournment.

The Sixteen Members of Aſſembly above-named met this Afternoon purſuant to Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Letter was brought by a Meſſenger from *Edward Farmar*, giving an Account of his being indiſpoſed; and therefore deſiring to be excuſed from his preſent Attendance.

David Evans gave an Account, that he had delivered the Speaker's Order to the following Members, *viz. Robert Jones*, *John Warner*, and *John Roberts*; and that they being all ſick and indiſpoſed, deſired to be excuſed from their preſent Attendance on the Service of the Houſe.

The ſaid ſixteen Members laſt before named, finding that there is no Likelihood, at preſent, of making a Houſe to proceed in Legiſlation, agreed that *Nicholas Waln*, *Richard Hill*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that *John Miller*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for *Cheſter* County, is deceaſed; that nine other Members, detained by Sickneſs, or other Occaſions, are now abſent; and therefore that the Governor would be pleaſed to give his Order for iſſuing a Writ for electing a new Member in the Room of the ſaid *John Miller* deceaſed; and alſo that he would be pleaſed to iſſue his Summons, commanding all the Members to appear in Aſſembly the firſt *Second Day* in the next Month, at which Time it is hoped there will be a full Houſe, in order to proceed to Legiſlation.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor promiſed to iſſue his Writ and Summons, according to the Deſire of the Houſe; and then they adjourned till the firſt *Second Day* of the *Eleventh Month* next, in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE following Members met purſuant to their laſt Adjournment, *viz. David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Toby Leech*, *Edward Farmar*, *Richard Hill*, *Samuel Preſton*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*; who having waited for ſome Time, and finding the reſt of the Members abſented by reaſon (as they ſuppoſe) the Governor had not ſummoned the Members to attend as agreed laſt Sitting; 1714-15. 11th Mo. 3. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That the Members preſent return to their ſeveral Habitations, until the Governor ſhall be pleaſed to ſummon the Houſe to meet again; and that the City Members deſire the Governor to expedite his Summons accordingly.

THE Houſe met, purſuant to the Governor's Summons, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 11. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Gayen Miller, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*, in the Room of *John Miller*, deceaſed, appeared in the Houſe. Adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11th Mo. 12.

The Sheriff of the County of *Cheſter* made a Return of *Gayen Miller*, elected (by Virtue of the Governor's Writ) to ſerve as a Member of Aſſembly for that County, in the Room of *John Miller*, deceaſed.

The following Members ſubſcribed the Qualification preſcribed by a Law of this Province, paſſed in the Fourth Year of the late Queen ANNE, the ſame being firſt read to them in the Houſe by the Clerk with an audible Voice, *viz. Edward Farmar*, *John Warner*, *Gayen Miller*, *Richard Maris*, and *William Paxon*.

Samuel Preſton, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, declared in the Houſe, that, for ſeveral Reaſons, he conſcientiouſly ſcruples to take the Qualifications appointed by the Law of this Province before mentioned; which Reaſons were allowed of by the Houſe: And a Motion being made, that a new Member be choſen in his Room,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Speaker forthwith ſign an Order to the Secretary, to iſſue a Writ to the Sheriff of the City of *Philadelphia*, for electing a new Member to ſerve in

1714-15. Assembly for this Year in the Room of the said *Samuel Preston*; which Order was made, and signed accordingly.

11th Mo. 12. Divers * Rules approved by former Assemblies, and entered in the Journals of this House, were read, and agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.*

Thomas Wilson being appointed Clerk of this House, by Affirmation was engaged to Secrecy, and a true Performance of this Trust; and by the Consent of this House is allowed *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day for his Service in Assembly, and to be paid for extraordinary Services between each Adjournment and Sitting; and to have the Benefit of all Copies or Transcripts to be made out of the Journal, at such Rates as the House shall adjudge.

Adjournment. Adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Post Meridiem. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the undue granting a Commission of Sheriff of the said City to *Peter Evans*; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Joseph Kirkbride, and *Samuel Garratt*, being sent on a Message to the Governor, that there is a full Quorum of the Members now assembled together, and ready to proceed to Business, and desire to know whether he has any Thing to lay before the House? The said Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message, according to Order; that the Governor answered, he had nothing further to lay before this House; but recommended to them to take into Consideration what he had already delivered to them in his Speech.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, complaining of a Law lately made by the Assembly met at *New-Castle* for laying an Assessment on them; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 13. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Debate arising about the Order of the Thirtieth of the *Second Month*, 1712, relating to the Attendance of the Members of this House, it is unanimously agreed, that the Speaker, and every Member, who do not appear at Half an Hour after the Ring of the Bell, shall pay *Eight-pence* each; and *Eight-pence* each, for every Hour's Absence after the Call of the House, unless he or they can shew Cause to the Satisfaction of the House, which shall be determined by an immediate Vote: And that the Clerk attend at the Ceasing of the Bell, and take an Account of the Time, and absent Members, under the same Penalties.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the several Laws repealed by her late Majesty, the Twentieth of *February* last.

The several Titles of the said repealed Laws were read; and upon Debate thereon, agreed that Bills be prepared in Lieu of the several Laws hereafter mentioned, so as aforesaid repealed; *that is to say*,

An Act *for ascertaining the Rates of Money on Contracts, Bargains*, &c. *made before the First of* May, 1709.

An Act *for erecting and establishing Courts of Judicature*; and that it be an Instruction to the Committee, that the Powers of the Magistrates be specified in a Bill distinct by itself, and the Practice in another Bill: And that the Resolve of the House, the Twenty-second of the *Eleventh Month*, 1713, relating to the Six-weeks Court, be inserted in the said Bill.

An Act *for regulating and establishing Fees.*

An Act *for acknowledging and recording of Deeds*; and that it be an Instruction to the Committee, that all Mortgages be recorded; and as for other Conveyances, all Parties be at Liberty to record or not; that the Exemplification be as valid as the Original.

An Act *directing an Affirmation to such who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take an Oath.*

An Act *of Privileges to a Freeman*; and that a Clause be inserted saving the Right of Appeal to *England.*

An Act *against riotous Sports, Plays and Games.*

An Act *for regulating Party Walls and Buildings in the City of* Philadelphia.

Adjournment. The further Consideration of the Remainder of the said repealed Laws was deferred till the Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Post Meridiem. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Nathaniel Newlin has Leave to be absent for some Time upon extraordinary Occasions.

The House proceeded further to take into Consideration the Remainder of the Laws repealed by her late Majesty, the Twentieth of *February*, 1713.

The Act *for confirming Patents and Grants*, was read, and, upon Debate, the further Consideration thereof was adjourned till a further Opportunity.

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* These Rules are verbatim the same as in the first printed Votes, Part II. Page 2. *Anno*, 1703.

The Act *for the better Government of the City of* Philadelphia, was read; and, upon Debate, agreed, that the Clause for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*, in the said repealed Act, be omitted in the said Bill, but be referred to be inserted in the general Law for establishing Courts of Judicature; and that a Clause be added, for Repeal of the City Ordinances for setting a Price on Provisions, *&c.* 1714-15. *11th Mo.* 13.

The Act *for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments*; agreed, that a Bill be brought in for that Purpose.

An Act *to prevent the Importation of* Negroes *and* Indians *into this Province*; referred to further Consideration; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 14.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration divers Bills prepared by the former Assembly; and, after some Time spent therein, the Order of the Twenty-first of *Eleventh Month* last, for bringing in a Bill for erecting a Pound in the Townships of *Moyamensing*, *Passyunk* and *Wicacoa*, was read; and, upon Debate thereof, agreed, that a Bill be brought in for erecting Pounds in the several Townships of this Province.

The Resolve of the Twenty-first of the *Eleventh Month* last, for bringing in a Bill that all Fines, Forfeitures and Perquisites, be paid to the Provincial Treasurer, was read, and, upon Debate thereon, agreed, that a Bill be brought in accordingly.

The Resolve of the said Twenty-first of the *Eleventh Month* last, for bringing in a Bill for regulating the Election of Sheriffs, was read.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the undue granting a Commission of Sheriff (for the said County and City) to *Peter Evans*, was read a second Time.

The Act for regulating the Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, was also read, and, upon a long Debate thereon, the Question being put, that it be referred to a Committee to bring in a Supplementary Bill, for the better regulating the Election of Sheriffs; and to ascertain the Method of Choice, and Qualifications of the Electors? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That the further Consideration of the said Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, be referred to a Committee of Grievances.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, complaining of a Law made at *New-Castle*, for laying an Assessment on them, was read a second Time; and upon a long Debate thereon,

Resolved, That a Bill be brought in, for corroborating the Settlement of the circular Line between this Province and the County of *New-Castle*, made by mutual Consent of both Parties, in the Year 1701; and that an Address be presented to the Governor, for Relief of the Petitioners; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Thomas Rutter, *Edward Farmar*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, had Leave to be absent till *Second Day* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Governor's Speech to the last Assembly was read; and a Motion being made, and the Question put, That a Bill be brought in for maintaining a friendly Correspondence with the *Indians*, to continue for the Term of three Years; and that a Clause be inserted for clearing the Purchasers of Lands in this Province from *Indian* Claims? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Question being put, Whether there is a Necessity of raising Money for defraying the Publick Debts, and for answering the present Exigencies of Government? *Resolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Toby Leech*, *John Swift*, and *Nicholas Pile*, do give Notice to the Executors of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treasurer, deceased, to bring the Books, and State of the Publick Accounts, to this House at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning; and that *Samuel Preston*, Treasurer elect, have Notice to attend at the same Time; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 15.

William Fishbourn, on Behalf of the Executors of the late Provincial Treasurer, attended with the said Treasurer's Books, according to Order; but a State of the Publick Accounts not being ready,

Resolved, That the said late Treasurer's Books, with a State of the Publick Accounts, be laid before this House by the said *William Fishbourn* next *Third Day* Morning, at Ten a Clock.

Samuel Preston also attended according to Order, and accepted of the Office of Provincial Treasurer, in the Room of *Samuel Carpenter*, deceased; and then the House adjourned till *Second Day* next, in the Afternoon, and if any Member be absent, to be fined. Adjournment.

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1714-15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

11*th Mo.* 17. The Sheriff of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, made Return of *Clement Plumſted*'s being elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for that City, the Year enſuing, in the Room of *Samuel Preſton*.

Adjournment. And the ſaid *Clement Plumſted* appeared, and took his Place in the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11*th Mo.* 18. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Clement Plumſted, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the City of *Philadelphia*, in the Room of *Samuel Preſton*, ſubſcribed to the Qualification preſcribed by a Law of this Province, 4th *Annæ*.

William Fiſhbourn, according to Order, attended with a State of the Publick Accounts, which he delivered in at the Table.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, complaining of immoderate Stall-rents exacted from them for their Standings in the Market of *Philadelphia*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do, this Afternoon, proceed in the Conſideration of what Sum may be neceſſary to be raiſed for diſcharging the Publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government, and nothing to intervene; and then the Houſe adjourned till

Adjournment. Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the Conſideration of what Sum is neceſſary to be raiſed for diſcharging the Publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government: After a very long Debate, a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *Twelve Hundred Pounds* is neceſſary to be raiſed for the Purpoſes afore-mentioned? *Reſolved in the Negative.*

The Queſtion being put, that the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* is neceſſary to be raiſed for the Uſes afore-mentioned? *Reſolved in the Negative.*

The Queſtion being put, that the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* is neceſſary to be raiſed for the Uſes afore-mentioned? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe the ſaid Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* for the Uſes above-mentioned; and then the Houſe adjourned till

Adjournment. Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11*th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, complaining of immoderate Stall-rents exacted from them for their Standings in the Market of *Philadelphia*; was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be referred to the Conſideration of the Committee on the Bill (ordered to be brought into this Houſe) for the better Government of the City of *Philadelphia*.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Ways and Means of raiſing the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* for diſcharging the Publick Debts, and anſwering the preſent Exigencies of Government; after a long Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had gone through the Buſineſs to them referred, and come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, being as follow, *viz.* That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the ſaid Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* be raiſed by Way of Impoſt in Manner following, *viz.*

That a Duty of *Twenty-five Shillings per* Pipe be laid on all Wines imported into this Province; and that a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill, that all Veſſels belonging to this Port, and now out, and bound hither directly from *Madeira*, do pay but one Half of the ſaid Duty.

That a Duty of *Two-pence per* Gallon be laid on all Rum, Brandy and Spirits, imported into this Province.

That a Duty of *Three Shillings per* Barrel be laid on all Cyder imported into this Province, the *Jerſeys* and Lower Counties excepted.

That a Duty of *Three-pence per Pound* be laid on all Hops imported into this Province, the Produce of the *Jerſeys* and Lower Counties excepted.

That a Duty of *Five Pounds per* Head be paid for all *Negroes* imported into this Province; and that a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill for excepting thoſe that bring in their Menial Servants.

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The said several Resolutions of the Committee being again read, were respectively agreed to by the House. 1714-15.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Impost Duty be continued for the Term of three Years? *Resolved in the Negative.* 11*th Mo.* 19.

The Question being put, that the said Duty be continued for two Years? *Resolved in the Affirmative*; and then the House adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that a Bill be brought in for raising the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds*, by Way of Impost, for discharging the Publick Debts, and answering the necessary Charges of Government? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That the Speaker issue his Orders to *Robert Jones*, and *John Roberts*, requiring their immediate Attendance on the Service of Assembly; which Orders were issued accordingly.

Resolved, That the Speaker issue his Order to the Executrix of the late Provincial Treasurer, deceased, as follows.

THOU art hereby required to cause Samuel Holt, *Collector of the Impost*, &c. *to give thee a particular Account of all Entries and Sums of Money received by him, and on the Twenty-fifth Instant to lay them before this House; together with all Orders of the Governor, Council, and Assembly, for Payment of the several Sums charged in the said late Treasurer's Account, and Receipts thereon.*

By Order of the House.

Which Order was issued and signed by the Speaker accordingly; and *Nicholas Pile* was desired to deliver the said Order.

Resolved, That this House will, To-morrow Morning, enter upon the Consideration of the Bills agreed to be debated; and then the House adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 11*th Mo.* 20.

Clement Plumsted had Leave to be absent upon an extraordinary Occasion.

Nicholas Pile reports, he had delivered the Speaker's Order to the Executrix of the late Provincial Treasurer; who answered, that Care should be taken to comply with the same.

The repealed Act *for ascertaining the Rates of Money*, &c. was read: Agreed that all former Contracts, before the First of *May*, 1709, be paid in Silver Money, at *Nine Shillings* and *One Penny per* Ounce, *Troy* Weight, and so in Proportion; or *Five-pence Half-penny* each Pennyweight under the Value of a *Piece of Eight*, except *Perues*, which are to be received at the Rates they then passed, under the Penalties in the repealed Act mentioned: And that a Clause be inserted in the Bill, that Gold shall be accepted in all Payments at the current Value for the Time being, and the Justices shall give Judgment accordingly.

The repealed Act *for establishing Courts of Judicature in this Province*, was read in Part. Upon a Debate arising on the Clause for erecting a Supreme Court, a Motion being made, that a Court be erected in this Province, which shall be called, *A Provincial Court*, in the Room of the said late Supreme Courts, the further Consideration thereof was adjourned for some Time.

The Clause for appointing a Supreme Court of Equity in the said repealed Act, was also read; and the same being debated, agreed that a Clause be inserted in the Bill for a Provincial Court of Equity; the Extent of the Jurisdiction to be further considered.

As to the Clause limiting the Removal of Actions under *Ten Pounds*, agreed that the Justices at Common Law shall have Power to mitigate Damages, and reduce the Penalty, not exceeding *Ten Pounds*; and then the House adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Upon further Consideration of the Minute this Morning, relating to the Jurisdiction of the Provincial Court, the same is agreed to by the House, provided that all Matters of Fact be tried by the Vicinage in the proper County or City where the Cause of Action or Complaint arises.

That all Matters of Equity shall begin originally in the Provincial Court, with Power to grant Injunctions, and to have general Jurisdiction over the Province.

The Clause for General Quarter-Sessions of the Peace, agreed to be put into a distinct Bill.

The Clause for constituting Commissioners of *Oyer* and *Terminer*, and of Goal-Delivery, was read.

The Clause constituting the County Courts of Common Pleas was read, and approved of; agreed that the Days of Sitting be left Blank in the Bill.

1714-15. 11*th Mo.* 20. 1. Agreed that ſuch Perſons as the Juſtices of the ſaid reſpective Courts admit to practiſe as Attornies, ſhall come under the like Obligations with Attornies at Law in the Courts at *Weſtminſter*; and ſhall not be laid aſide, unleſs by the Juſtices for Miſbehaviour in their Practice.

2. That the Clerk or Prothonotary of the ſaid Court of Common Pleas ſhall not iſſue Writs, or enter Actions, without a *Præcipe* or Note from one of the ſaid Attornies, ſignifying the Plaintiff and Defendant's Names, and Nature of the Action.

3. That if any Attorney ſhall miſtake the Nature of the Action he ſo enters, he ſhall pay the Damages which the Plaintiff ſhall ſuſtain thereby.

4. That no Perſon be debarred to ſpeak in his own Cauſe in any of the ſaid Courts.

The Petition of *Owen Roberts*, to be employed as Collector of the Impoſt; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The repealed Act *for eſtabliſhing and regulating Fees*, was read; agreed that the Houſe do enter upon the Regulation of Fees To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 21. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill of Fees; and upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That they proceed thereon, Article by Article, in the Houſe; and having made ſome Progreſs therein, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till the Afternoon.

A Petition of *Samuel Holt*, deſiring to be admitted Collector of the new Impoſt; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Peter Evans*, relating to the Election of Sheriff; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Kirkbride gave an Account to the Houſe, that *Thomas Rutter*'s Son had received an unhappy Accident by a Spark flying into his Eye, and therefore ſaid *Rutter* deſired he might be excuſed his preſent Attendance; which was granted.

Edward Farmar had Leave to be abſent until *Second Day* next in the Afternoon.

The Houſe proceeded, according to Order, in the Conſideration of the Bill of Fees, and made ſome Progreſs therein: The further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning,

A Petition of *Charles Read*, for the Office of Collector of the new Impoſt; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 22. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Bill of Fees, and made ſome Progreſs therein: The further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till *Third Day* Morning next; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next in the Afternoon.

11*th Mo.* 24. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 25. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Bill of Fees, and made ſome Progreſs therein; the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till the Afternoon.

John Roberts, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia*, appeared, ſubſcribed the Qualification appointed by Law, and took his Place in the Houſe.

A Petition of *Hannah Carpenter*, Relict and Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treaſurer, deceaſed, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Knowles*, *Nicholas Crone*, and *James Streater*, complaining of their Goods being taken away, and their Perſons impriſoned, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Bill of Fees, and went through the ſame; and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſame be tranſcribed fair, as now amended, in order to a ſecond Reading? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

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A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Pennſylvania*, complaining of ſeveral Grievances, in relation to Arreſts on Bail Bonds, *&c.* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. 1714-15.

A Petition of *Thomas Maugridge*, relating to a Project of erecting Mills in this Province, without the Help of Wind, Water, or Cattle, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table. *11th Mo.* 25.

The repealed Act *for acknowledging and recording of Deeds*, was read and debated; the farther Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 26.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded on the further Conſideration of the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, and went thro' the ſame:

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed fair by the Clerk.

Nathaniel Newlin had Leave to be abſent for ſome Time, his Mother being dangerouſly ill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The repealed Act, *directing an Affirmation to ſuch, who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath*, was read, and, after long Debate thereon, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

William Fiſhbourn, on Behalf of the Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treaſurer, attended with a State of the ſaid late Treaſurer's Account, which he delivered in at the Table.

Thomas Rutter had Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 27.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill, directing an Affirmation to ſuch, who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath; and, after a long Debate thereon, a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Form of Words preſcribed in the Act of Parliament, paſſed in *England* in the ſeventh and eighth Years of the late Queen ANNE, be inſerted in the ſaid Bill? *Reſolved in the Negative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that theſe Words [A. B. *Thou ſhalt ſolemnly declare, upon the Penalties of Perjury*, &c.] be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, inſtead of the Form preſcribed by the afore recited Act? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

John Warner had Leave to be abſent, upon extraordinary Occaſions; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Petition of *William Trent*, Merchant, deſiring to be heard by this Houſe, before the ſecond Reading of the Impoſt Bill, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *John Roberts*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, be a Committee to examine the Publick Accounts of this Province, and make Report thereof To-morrow Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Evan Lewis*, be a Committee to prepare the Bill, directing an Affirmation to ſuch, who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath; and that they bring in the ſame To-morrow Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Houſe, by the Direction, and with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, do prepare and bring in the Bills for ſettling the Practice of the ſeveral Courts of Judicature in this Province, and eſtabliſhing Fees.

Reſolved, That the reſt of the Members be a Committee to hear and examine the ſeveral Grievances complained of to this Houſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Records, and make their Report To-morrow Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock To-morrow Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *11th Mo.* 28.

Nicholas Pile, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that the ſaid Committee had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, but had not yet finiſhed the ſame; he alſo moved, that they may have further Time to finiſh the Examination of the ſaid Accounts.

Richard Hill, from the Committee for bringing in the Bill, directing an Affirmation to ſuch, who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath, brought in the Draught of a Bill accordingly, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and which was ordered a ſecond Reading.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order to *Samuel Holt*, Collector of Impoſt and Exciſe, to pay the Ballance of Publick Money in his Hands to the Executrix of the late Provincial Treaſurer, as followeth:

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1714-15. 11*th Mo.* 28. THESE *are to require thee, upon Sight hereof, to pay unto* Hannah Carpenter, *Executrix of* Samuel Carpenter, *late Provincial Treaſurer, deceaſed, the Ballance of the Publick Money remaining in thy Hands. Dated the* 28*th of the* Eleventh Month, 1714.

Which was ſigned by the Speaker, and *Clement Plumſted* was deſired to deliver the ſame accordingly.

Nicholas Waln, from the Committee of Grievances, reports, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred, and deſired further Time to finiſh the ſame.

The Clerk reports, that by Direction of the Speaker, he had made ſome Progreſs in the Bills to them referred, and deſired further Time to finiſh the ſame.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Committees before named, do finiſh the Matters to them referred, and make Report thereof to the Houſe with all convenient Speed.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of Abuſes, by clandeſtinely taking up Horſes and other Strays, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Repreſentation, ſigned by *Benjamin Chambers*, relating to the Affirmation Bill, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe do now proceed to appropriate a certain Sum to the Governor out of the *Eight Hundred Pounds*, voted by this Houſe to be raiſed by Impoſt? *Reſolved in the Negative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 29. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe adjourn until *Second Day* next come Week? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the Speaker, with the Aſſiſtance of the Clerk, do prepare and draw up the ſeveral Bills agreed to be brought into this Houſe againſt next Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned until the Seventh of the *Twelfth Month* next.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 7. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment. THE Houſe met, purſuant to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12*th Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Robert Jones appeared, ſubſcribed the Qualification appointed by Law, and took his Place in the Houſe.

Joſeph Kirkbride gave an Account, that *Clement Plumſted* is indiſpoſed, and alſo *Stoffel Vanſand*; and therefore deſired to be excuſed their preſent Attendance on the Service of the Houſe.

The Speaker reported, that by the Aſſiſtance of the Clerk he had prepared ſeveral Bills, voted to be brought in by this Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, and the ſeveral Titles of them were read, *viz.*

The Bill for regulating the Rates of Money, payable on Contracts before the Firſt of *May*, 1709, which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for erecting a Supreme or Provincial Court, both in Law and Equity, in this Province; which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of Common Pleas in this Province; which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of General Quarter-Seſſions in this Province; which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and a Debate ariſing thereon, agreed that the Clauſe about ſpecial Commiſſions of *Oyer* and *Terminer* be ſtruck out of the Bill; and the ſame Power be inveſted in the Judges of the Supreme Court.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating Fees was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for an Affirmation to ſuch who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath; which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill of Privileges to a Freeman; which was alſo read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill againſt riotous Sports, Plays and Games; which was alſo read.

The Bill for regulating Party-walls in the City of *Philadelphia*; which was alſo read the firſt Time.

The Bill for the better Government of the City of *Philadelphia*; which was alſo read the firſt Time.

The Bill for enabling religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands and Tenements, *&c.* which was alſo read the firſt Time.

The Bill for erecting Pounds in this Province; which was alſo read the firſt Time.

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The Bill for Recovery of Fines, Forfeitures, &c. which was alſo read, and ordered a ſecond Reading. 1714-15.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, proceed to read the reſt of the Bills, brought in as aforeſaid; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. *12th Mo.* 8. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for better regulating the Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, was read.

The Bill for ſettling the Bounds between this Province and *New-Caſtle*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for continuing a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and *Negroes*, imported into this Province, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and for laying aſide the Two-weeks Court in *Philadelphia*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill directing Appeals to *Great-Britain*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of *David Evans*, deſiring he may be allowed the Sum of *Twenty-one Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Nine Pence*, due to him for his Expences, and Service for the Aſſembly and the Publick, in ſeveral Years paſt; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *John Knowles*, *Nicholas Crone*, and *James Streater*, complaining of their Goods being taken away, and their Perſons impriſoned; was read a ſecond Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 9.

A Bill for the Aſſigning of Bonds, Bills and Promiſſory Notes, was read the firſt Time.

The Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of Money, payable on Contracts before the Firſt of *May*, 1709, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome Alterations and Amendments, and the Title being altered, agreed to be committed, *N. C. D.*

The Bill for erecting a Supreme or Provincial Court of Law and Equity in this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and amended: Upon Debate of the ſame, agreed that there be two Bills for ſettling the Juriſdiction of the ſaid reſpective Courts as now amended in the ſaid Bill; and that the Practice be in a diſtinct Bill by itſelf.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the ſeveral Courts of Common Pleas in this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and, with ſome Amendments, agreed to be committed, *N. C. D.*

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, deſiring a Bill may be brought into this Houſe, that Perſons may be tried and convicted of Murder, and other heinous Crimes, by Evidence on a ſolemn Affirmation, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Petition of *Peter Evans*, Regiſter-General, deſiring that Perſons bringing Letters of Adminiſtration from other Parts into this Province, may be obliged to give Security, &c. was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of General Quarter-Seſſions in this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and amended: Agreed that Crimes which are, or ſhall be made Felonies of Death, ſhall be tried by the Provincial Judges; and that a Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill of Supreme Courts for that Purpoſe. And the ſaid Bill being further debated, was agreed to be committed, *N. C. D.*

The Bill for eſtabliſhing and regulating Fees, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that a Diſcretionary Power be lodged in the Juſtices of the Counties of *Bucks* and *Cheſter*, to make an Addition to the Fees of the Clerks of thoſe Counties, not exceeding one Third of the Fees in the ſaid Bill? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion being put, that a Bill be brought in for that Purpoſe, to continue for a certain limited Time? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 10.

The Bill, intituled, *An Affirmation Act for ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath*, was read a ſecond Time, and debated.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that theſe Words be inſerted in the Bill, *viz.* [A. B. *Doſt thou ſolemnly declare, in the Preſence of Almighty God, the Witneſs of the Truth of what thou ſayſt?*] Reſolved in the Affirmative.

The further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill was adjourned till the Afternoon.

1714-15. A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, called *Seventh-Day-Men*, deſiring to be exempted from the Penalties of Law, for Working on the Firſt Day of the Week, *&c.* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

12th Mo. 10. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the further Conſideration of the Affirmation Bill:

Reſolved, That the Amendments propoſed be inſerted in the Bill, and brought into the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that a Bill be brought in for the Eaſe of thoſe who are conſcientiouſly ſcrupulous of taking an Affirmation in the Terms preſcribed by the Bill now in this Houſe? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 11. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill of Privileges to a Freeman, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted* do procure a Copy of the Law lately paſſed at *New-Caſtle*, relating to the Bounds between that County and this Province.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired, with the Aſſiſtance of the Clerk, to prepare and bring in a Bill, to enable the Judges of the Provincial Court to hear and determine capital Offences in the City of *Philadelphia*, and the reſpective Counties of this Province, from time to time, as there ſhall be Occaſion; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 12. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Nicholas Waln, from the Committee of Grievances, brought in a Report in Writing, which he delivered in at the Table, being as followeth, *viz.*

THAT having heard and conſidered the Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of this Province, complaining of Perſons arreſted ſundry Times in the ſame Actions,

Reſolved by this Committee, *N. C. D.* 1. That all Actions commenced before the Publication of the Repeal of our Law of Courts be revived and continued.

2. That all original Actions, commenced ſince the Publication of the ſaid Repeal, be alſo continued; and the Bail-bonds given to the ſaid Actions to be effectual as tho' the Suit was newly commenced on the Foot of our new Law of Courts, giving a Day for the Defendant's entring his Appearance for diſcharging or making the Bail ſpecial, as the Caſe may require on Motion in Court.

3. And that all Actions taken againſt any Bail to Actions commenced ſince the Publication of the Repeal aforeſaid, together with the whole Charges accruing thereupon, ſhall be void to all Intents and Purpoſes.

That the ſaid Committee having heard and conſidered the Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, complaining that neither of the Perſons, who were choſen by Majority of Votes, was admitted Sheriff of the ſaid City and County, but that another Perſon has been commiſſionated in that Office; and having heard and examined *Richard Walker*, Coroner, who was by Law appointed Judge of that Election;

4. Therefore it is the Opinion of this Committee, that there is Ground for that Complaint; and that the Houſe may take Notice of it as an Aggrievance, and that it may be redreſſed.

The ſaid Report of the Committee being again read in the Houſe, and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, whether the Houſe agrees with the Committee in their ſaid Report? The three firſt Reſolutions of the ſaid Committee were ſeverally agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

The fourth and laſt of the ſaid Reſolutions being again read in the Houſe, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till next Week.

The Bill for an Affirmation for ſuch who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath, was read a ſecond Time.

The Speaker brought in the Draught of a Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch who cannot take the Affirmation preſcribed by Law; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Clement Plumſted, from the Committee of Accounts, made Report, that they had ſettled the Publick Accounts with the Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treaſurer; the State whereof he read in his Place, which, with the Orders, Receipts and Payments, on the ſaid Accounts, he delivered in at the Table.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Committee examine particularly the Accounts of *Samuel Holt*, Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, and make Report to the Houſe of the State thereof at next Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Fourth Day*, next Week, in the Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1714-15.

A Bill for the better aſcertaining the Practice of the Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 16. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 17.

A Petition of *William Fiſhbourn*, *Iſrael Pemberton*, and *Anthony Morris*, junior, Attornies and Agents of *Thomas Story*, Maſter of the Rolls, *&c.* was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe proceeded to the Conſideration of the Bill for the better aſcertaining the Practice of the Courts of Judicature in this Province, and agreed to debate the ſame by Paragraphs. And having made ſome Progreſs therein, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Petition of ſeveral Perſons, on Behalf of themſelves, and others of the People called *Quakers*, deſiring an Affirmation, according to the former Practice of this Province, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the Conſideration of the Bill for the better aſcertaining the Practice of the Courts of Judicature within this Province, and went thro' the ſame:

Reſolved, That the ſame be amended as now agreed to by the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 18.

A Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants, and Freemen of *Philadelphia*, complaining that divers Landlords require their Rents in new Currency, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Perſons, in Behalf of themſelves and others, deſiring an Affirmation, according to the former Practice of this Province, for the Eaſe of thoſe who cannot take the Affirmation preſcribed by Law, was read a ſecond Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as cannot take the Affirmation preſcribed by Law*, was read a ſecond Time, and debated, and agreed to be committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Petition of *Samuel Richardſon*, and others, againſt the Bill for preventing Exactions on Contracts before the Firſt of *May*, 1709, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill for erecting a Supreme or Provincial Court of Law and Equity in this Province, was read the third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of General Quarter Seſſions within this Province, was read the third Time;

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the ſeveral Courts of Common Pleas in this Province, was read the third Time, and, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe;

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Toby Leech had Leave to be abſent To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *12th Mo.* 19.

The Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees in this Province, was read a third Time, and, with an Amendment, agreed to, *N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill directing Appeals to *Great-Britain*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed. Agreed, that a Proviſo be added to the Bill, that no Appeal ſhall be allowed in any Caſe where the Matter in Queſtion ſhall not amount to the Value of *One Hundred Pounds*, or upwards; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 21. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment.

The Bill for aſſigning Specialties, and Promiſſory Notes, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome Amendments, agreed to be committed. *12th Mo.* 22.

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1714-15. The Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read a ſecond Time, debated, and, with ſome Amendments, agreed to be committed.

12th Mo. 22. Adjournment *Poſt Meridiem.* *Thomas Rutter* had Leave to be abſent this Week, on an extraordinary Occaſion; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for the better determining of Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and for laying aſide the Two Weeks Court, in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the ſecond Time; the Debate thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Aſſembly-mens Wages, and other County Charges, be paid out of the Provincial Stock? *Reſolved in the Negative.*

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in for diſcharging Aſſembly-mens Wages, and other County Debts, by a Land Tax (and a proportionable Poll Tax) to be laid on the City of *Philadelphia*, and ſeveral Counties of this Province, not exceeding *Four-pence per Pound*, to continue for two Years? After a long Debate thereon, the Queſtion being put, that a Bill be brought in accordingly? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

A Paper, intituled, *Some Obſervations of* Benjamin Chambers, *relating to the late Petition concerning the Affirmation*, &c. was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 23. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for the better determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and for laying aſide the Two Weeks Court in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read by Paragraphs, amended, and the Word [*Demands*] being added in the Title, agreed to be committed.

Adjournment. The Bill for the better Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures due to the Governor and Government of this Province, was read a ſecond Time, amended, and agreed to be committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Edward Farmar had Leave to be abſent till *Second Day* next.

The Bill for continuing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, was read a third Time, and, with a Clauſe added thereto, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill directing Appeals to *Great-Britain*, was read a third Time, and, with an Amendment, and the Proviſo omitted, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for aſſigning Bonds, Specialties and Notes, was read a third Time, and, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill of Privileges to a Freeman, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for corroborating the Settlement of the Bounds between this Province and the County of *New-Caſtle*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed to be amended.

The Bill for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

A Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, deſiring that a Ferry may be erected at his Houſe, near *Philadelphia*, for tranſporting Men, Horſes, *&c.* over the River *Delaware* to *Glouceſter*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Adjournment. A ſupplementary Bill for Relief of the Poor, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 24. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of what Sum ſhall be appropriated (out of the Impoſt) to the Lieutenant-Governor for Support of Government; and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be appropriated for that Purpoſe? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the Committee of Accounts do examine and ſettle the Accounts of *Samuel Holt*, Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe; and that they order the Executrix of the late Provincial Treaſurer to ſell and diſpoſe of the Effects in her Hands belonging to the Publick, and bring the ſame to the Credit of the ſaid Account.

The Bill for impowering religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for better determining Debts and Demands under *Forty Shillings*, and for laying aſide the Two Weeks Court, in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

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The Bill for the better Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures due to the Governor and Government of this Province, was read a third Time. 1714-15. 12th Mo. 24.

Resolved, That the said Bill do pass.

A Petition of several Inhabitants, Merchants, Traders and others, for a Law for raising a Fund of Paper Bills; and also an Essay for putting the same in Execution, were both read.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said Petition and Essay be rejected? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

The Supplementary Bill for the better regulating the Election of Sheriffs and Coroners, was read a second Time, debated, and, with some Amendments, agreed to be committed.

Ordered, That the Clerk transcribe fair the following Bills, *viz.* For friendly Correspondence with the *Indians*; for directing Appeals to *Great-Britain*; for assigning Bonds, Specialties and Notes; for Privileges to a Freeman; for religious Societies to buy, hold and enjoy Lands, &c. for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*, and laying aside the Two Weeks Court; and for recovering Fines and Forfeitures. And that *Richard Hill*, *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Robert Jones*, and *Benjamin Mendenhall*, or as many of them as can attend on *Seventh Day* Morning next, do examine the said Bills so transcribed.

Resolved, That the Members afore named (or as many of them as can attend) be a Committee to wait on the Governor, when he comes to Town, and present him the aforesaid seven Bills; as also these four following, *viz.* For erecting a Supreme Court; for establishing General Quarter Sessions; for establishing Courts of Common Pleas; and for regulating of Fees in this Province; which are also passed this House, and desire his Concurrence thereto; and then the House adjourned until the seventh Day of the *First Month* next ensuing. Adjournment.

THE House met, pursuant to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1st Mo. 7. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1st Mo. 8.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, for an Affirmation according to a Law of this Province, passed in 1705, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Request of the Quarterly Meeting of the People called *Quakers*, in *Philadelphia*, for the said County, desiring that the Affirmation, called, *The* Pennsylvania *Affirmation*, confirmed in Colonel *Fletcher*'s Time, and not disallowed at Home (and that only) may be enacted by this House; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Robert Assheton, from the Governor, brought to the House nine of the Bills passed by them, with the Governor's Amendments; that he intends to examine the Bill of Fees when the Jurisdiction of the Courts is settled; and desires to see the Law of *England*, about Promissory Notes, before he examines that Bill.

A Bill for corroborating the circular Line between the Counties of *Chester* and *New-Castle*, was read, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill for the better ascertaining the Practice of the Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read a third Time, and agreed to be amended.

John Roberts went Home sick; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Richard Hill had Leave to be absent this Afternoon.

Edward Farmar had Leave to be absent for some Time, his Brother-in-Law being sick.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Amendments made by the Governor to several Bills passed by this House, and made some Progress therein; the further Consideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Half an Hour past Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Adjournment.

The Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, was read a second Time by Paragraphs. 1st Mo. 9.

The Petition of *William Fishbourn*, *Israel Pemberton*, and *Anthony Morris*, jun. Attornies and Agents of *Thomas Story*, Master of the Rolls, &c. relating to the said Bill, was read the second Time; and the said Bill being debated and amended, was agreed to be committed.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Governor to several Bills passed by this House, and went through the same.

The Bill for corroborating the circular Line between the Counties of *Chester* and *New-Castle*, was read a second Time, and committed; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

1714-15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

1ſt Mo. 9. Poſt Meridiem. The Amendments to the Bill for aſcertaining the Practice of the Courts of Judicature in this Province, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for the Furtherance and better Adminiſtration of Juſtice in this Province, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do carry the following Bills to the Governor, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Amendments, *viz.* The Bill for eſtabliſhng the Courts of General Quarter-Seſſions; for better aſcertaining the Practice of Courts; for erecting a Supreme Court in Law and Equity; for eſtabliſhing the Courts of Common Pleas; for Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures; for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*; and for continuing a good Correſpondence with the *Indians*.

Theſe following Bills being paſſed by the Governor without any Amendment, *viz.* For directing Appeals to *Great-Britain*; for Privileges to a Freeman; and for impowering religious Societies to buy Lands, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Affirmation Act for ſuch who cannot, for Conſcience Sake, take an Oath*, was read a third Time by Paragraphs, debated, and amended;

The Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *Reſolved in the Negative.*

Adjournment. *Toby Leech* had Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1ſt Mo. 10. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, report, that, purſuant to Order, they attended at the Governor's Lodgings with the ſeven Bills, and the Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Amendments; but he not being at Home, had left them with the Clerk of the Council.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch who cannot take the Affirmation, preſcribed by Law*, was read a ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the Title be altered, and made in theſe Words, *viz.*

An Affirmation Act for ſuch who, for Conſcience Sake, cannot take an Oath.

Reſolved, That the Introduction to the ſaid Bill be altered.

Reſolved, That inſtead of the Words [*Doſt thou ſolemnly and ſincerely promiſe and affirm*] theſe Words [*Doſt thou ſolemnly declare*] be inſerted in the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Clerk do amend the ſaid Bill as above voted by this Houſe; and the ſame was amended at the Table accordingly; and upon the Queſtion put, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed by the Clerk, and preſented to the Governor (by *Nicholas Pile*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*) for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Nicholas Pile and *Joſeph Kirkbride* report, they had delivered the Affirmation Bill to the Governor, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *1ſt Mo. 11.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Impoſt Bill.

The Petition of *William Trent* (deſiring to be heard by this Houſe before the ſecond Reading of the ſaid Bill) was read a ſecond Time: And the ſaid *William Trent* attending, was called into the Houſe, and offered ſeveral Reaſons: "That the Veſſels belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, now out at Sea, and bound hither directly from the Place of Growth, ſhould be exempted from paying the ſaid Impoſt Duty; and for laying an additional or double Duty on Liquors imported by Foreigners, being not directly from the Place of Growth, *&c.*" A Copy of which Reaſons, the ſaid *William Trent* delivered to the Houſe in Writing (which were put upon the File) and then withdrew.

The Bill for corroborating the circular Line between the Counties of *Cheſter* and *New-Caſtle*, was read a third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds, was read a third Time, and amended.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *William Paxon*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bills, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered the ſaid Bills, according to Order; and that the Governor informed them, he had not any Bills ready to ſend back to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Summons to the ſeveral abſent Members following, requiring their Attendance on the Service of Aſſembly next *Second Day*, viz. *Edward Farmar*,

mar, *Toby Leech*, *John Roberts*, *Thomas Rutter*, and *Stoffel Vansand*; and then the House adjourned till *Second Day* next, P. M. 1714-15.

1st Mo. 11. Adjournment.

The House met pursuant to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1st Mo. 14. Post Meridiem.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Adjournment. 1st Mo. 15.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and *Negroes*, imported into this Province, was read a second Time.

The Reasons offered by *William Trent*, Merchant, why the said Duty should not affect the Vessels, now on their Voyages, belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, *&c.* were also read.

Resolved, That the House proceed to read and debate the said Bill by Paragraphs; and accordingly went thro' the same, and made several Amendments. Agreed that the said Bill be committed.

A Petition of *Cornelius Connyer*, desiring Leave to bring in a Bill for erecting a Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *Daniel Cooper*'s, and *Glouceſter*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait on the Governor, and desire to know whether he has gone through any of the Bills passed by this House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Post Meridiem.

Thomas Stevenson, and *Robert Jones*, brought from the Governor the Bill for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; and that for an Affirmation, with some Amendments.

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the said Amendments, and went thro' the same.

The Question being put, that the sacred Name be inserted in the Affirmation Bill, as proposed by the Governor? *Resolved in the Affirmative*: And the Bill was accordingly amended at the Table.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Thomas Stevenson*, do wait on the Governor with the said Bills, and the Amendments of the House to the same; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1st Mo. 16.

John Swift and *Thomas Stevenson* report, that they had deliver'd the Bills to the Governor (with the Answer of the House to his Amendments) according to Order; and that he informed them, he would send to the House some Bills, with Amendments, in the Afternoon.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that a Bill be brought in for the Ease of those who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take the solemn Affirmation, prescribed by the Bill sent Yesterday to the Governor? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *Nicholas Pile*, do prepare and bring in the said Bill; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. Post Meridiem.

Ralph Asheton, from the Governor, brought back these following Bills, passed by this House, *viz.* For Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures, *&c.* for continuing a Correspondence with the *Indians*; and for settling the Bounds between this Province and *New-Castle*; with the Governor's Amendments to the same.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the said Amendments, and went through the same.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill* do wait on the Governor with the said three Bills, and the Amendments now made to the same by this House.

Robert Jones, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for the Ease of those who, for Conscience Sake, cannot take the Affirmation, according to the Bill sent Yesterday to the Governor, brought in the Draught of a Bill accordingly; which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table, and was ordered a second Reading.

Joseph Growdon, *James Logan*, and *Caleb Pusey*, in a Message from the Governor, brought to the House the following Bills, *viz.* For erecting a Supreme Court in Law and Equity; for establishing the Courts of Common Pleas; for better ascertaining the Practice of Courts; and for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*; with some Amendments to the said Bills. They also informed the House, that, if there be Occasion, a Committee of Council are appointed to meet this House in a Conference on the said proposed Amendments, and then withdrew.

The House read over the said Amendments, and agreed to proceed on the Debate thereof To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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1714-15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

1ſt Mo. 17. The Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch of the People called *Quakers*, as cannot take the Affirmation formerly allowed to them in *Great-Britain*, was read a ſecond Time by Paragraphs, debated, and agreed to, with ſome Amendments.

Reſolved, That the Title be altered, and made in theſe Words [*An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take the ſolemn Affirmation, formerly allowed in* Great-Britain] and was accordingly altered at the Table.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be committed.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded on the Conſideration of the Amendments ſent Yeſterday by the Governor to ſeveral Bills, paſſed by this Houſe, and went through the ſame.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Benjamin Mendenhall*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid four Bills, and the Anſwer to the Governor's Amendments; and to acquaint him, that if the Anſwer of this Houſe does not give ample Satisfaction, they are willing to meet in a Conference as Yeſterday propoſed; and alſo to deſire to know whether the Governor has gone through the Bill of Fees? And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

John Swift, and *Benjamin Mendenhall*, report, they had delivered the Bills to the Governor, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to his Amendments, according to Order; and that he ſaid he had not any other Bills ready for the Houſe.

Ordered That *Richard Hill*, and *John Swift*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe (now drawing to a Concluſion of the Buſineſs depending) deſire he would diſpatch the Bills now before him, and eſpecially the Bill of Fees; and that, if he pleaſes, the Houſe will ſend him the Impoſt Bill for his Peruſal, which has paſſed a ſecond Reading; and that this Houſe is not inclined to ſit next Week, unleſs it be to paſs the Bills of this Seſſion.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they cannot meet with the Governor.

The Impoſt Bill as amended was read, and debated; the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 18. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, and *John Swift*, report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor anſwered, he ſhould this Morning, as ſoon as his Council came together, enter upon the Diſpatch of all the Bills and Amendments now before him; and deſired to have the Peruſal of the Impoſt Bill.

The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the Conſideration of the Impoſt Bill; read and debated the ſame by Paragraphs.

Robert Aſheton, in a Meſſage from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor had appointed a certain Number of the Council to meet this Houſe, or as many as can attend, in the Conference, about ſome of the Bills now before him, at ſuch Time and Place as the Houſe ſhall think fit.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do meet the ſaid Members of Council at Four a Clock this Afternoon in this Houſe.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take the ſolemn Affirmation formerly allowed in* Great-Britain, was read a third Time;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Robert Jones*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deſire his Concurrence thereto: And alſo that they leave the Impoſt Bill with the Governor for his Peruſal.

Ralph Aſheton, from the Governor, brought back theſe following Bills, approved by the Governor, *viz.* For the better Recovery of Fines and Forfeitures; for an Affirmation; and for corroborating the circular Line between *Cheſter*, and *New-Caſtle*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, in Order to a Conference with the Members of Council, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe this Morning.

The Members of Council accordingly came, and after a long Conference, which laſted till Nine a Clock, withdrew; and then the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair.

Ordered, That the Report of the ſaid Conference be received To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1714-15. 1st Mo. 19.

It was reported to the House, that the Substance of Yesterday's Conference related to the Governor's Amendments to these Bills following, *viz.* for erecting a Supreme Court in Law and Equity; for establishing the Courts of Common Pleas; for continuing a Correspondence with the *Indians*; for acknowledging and recording of Deeds; for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*; and for better ascertaining the Practice of Courts; and that the said six Bills were left with the Speaker to be further considered by this House:

The House proceeded to a further Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Governor, and the Reasons offered by the Members of Council in Yesterday's Conference, for the said Amendments, and went thro' the same.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Robert Jones*, do wait on the Governor with the aforementioned six Bills, and the Answer of the House to the said Amendments and Reasons.

The said Members return, and report, they had delivered the Bills and Message to the Governor, according to Order; who desired a Conference with some Members of this House, this Afternoon at Four a Clock, about the Bill of Fees, and Impost Bill.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *John Swift*, *Clement Plumsted*, *Thomas Stevenson*, *John Warner*, and *Gayen Miller*, with the Speaker, and any other Members, or so many of them as can attend, do wait on the Governor, and manage the said Conference, and make Report thereof to the House next Sitting.

Ralph Asheton, from the Governor, brought back the Bill for the Ease of such of the People called *Quakers*, as cannot take the Affirmation formerly allowed to them in *Great-Britain*, without any Amendment; and the Bill for assigning Bonds, *&c.* with an Amendment; to which the House agreed.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in for enabling the Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treasurer, to receive and recover the Arrears of the Tax of *Two Thousand Pounds* for the Queen's Use:

Resolved, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue his Summons to *William Stockdell*, *William Paxon*, and *Robert Harvey*, requiring their Attendance on the Service of this House; and then the House adjourned till *Third Day* next. Adjournment.

The following Members met this Day pursuant to Adjournment, *viz.* *David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Jestell Jestis*, *Nicholas Waln*, *John Warner*, *John Roberts*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumsted*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Gayen Miller*, *John Swift*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *Stoffel Vanjand*, *William Stockdell*, and *Robert Harvey*; who having waited till past Nine a Clock, agreed to meet To-morrow Morning at Eight a Clock. 1st Mo. 22.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1st Mo. 23.

Richard Hill and *Joseph Kirkbride* report, that they, with the Speaker, waited on the Governor for a Conference, according to Order of the nineteenth Instant; that the Members of Council not attending, the Governor gave them an Expectation of sending his Objections to the Impost Bill in Writing this Morning, when he expected the Council to come together.

Joseph Kirkbride, and *Evan Lewis*, being sent on a Message to the Governor, to desire that he would be pleased to send the Bill of Fees, and other Bills now before him; the said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message, according to Order; that the Governor informed them, he would speedily send to the House some Objections in Writing, relating to the Subject Matter of the last Conference; and that the said Bills would this Morning be considered when the Council came together; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

A Message being sent to the Governor by *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*, to desire the Bills now lying before him; the said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message, according to Order; and brought with them the following Bills, *viz.* The Bill for erecting a Supreme Court in Law and Equity; for establishing the Courts of Common Pleas; for better ascertaining the Practice of Courts; for determining Debts under *Forty Shillings*; and for laying an Impost on Wine, Rum, *&c.* and also a Paper from the Governor of his own Hand-writing, relating to the said Bills, which was read in the House, and delivered in at the Table, and is as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'MOST of the Bills returned you from the Council-board, being well digested there, I shall only observe to you, that some of them, especially that for enabling religious Societies to purchase Estates, being Word for Word the same with that which is disapproved, I know not how I shall excuse my passing it again. Governor's Objections to the Bills.

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'The Bill for the Manner of iſſuing out Writs is a Novelty, no where practiſed in his 'Majeſty's Dominions, and will not only create Confuſion in the Courts, but be a greater 'Expence to the People; to which I muſt add, that it is inconſiſtent to the Truſt repoſed 'in me, by my Principal, to mangle an Office he has been pleaſed to patent.

'The Impoſt Bill is of that Nature, that the Council are the more cautious in giving their 'Advice about it; ſo that being left wholly to myſelf, I hope my Objections will meet 'with a friendly Interpretation.

'That there is an Arrear due for my Support, for ſome Time paſt, as well as a Proviſion neceſſary for the Time to come, I ſuppoſe will readily be acknowledged; which I 'mention, not as faulting the Allowance made by the Bill could it be certain, and received 'in a reaſonable Time, but the Method now propoſed will not, in my Opinion, raiſe any 'Thing; for I am informed, that ſeveral Merchants of this City deſign to tranſmit Home, 'as ſoon as poſſible, a Copy of it, and to back it with a good Sum of Money, in order to 'get it repealed, which, they ſay, may be obtained in ſeven or eight Months; for that moſt, 'if not all the Laws, laying a Burden on Trade, hitherto ſent Home, have been diſap-'proved. In the mean time, they reſolve to refuſe paying the Impoſt; and if their Effects 'are ſeized, will replevin, and ſtand Trial; and before Judgment can be obtained, the Act 'may appear here repealed.

'To this is added, that if Trade is in this Manner, and at this Time, burdened, it may 'be more ſo the next Year, and at laſt the Merchants may be required to pay Aſſembly-'mens Wages; to prevent which, they reſolve to ſpare no Coſt.

'Now admit the Merchants complied with the Act, the Arrival of Veſſels is ſo uncertain, 'that little is to be depended on that Way; and I cannot propoſe to ſee one Half of the 'firſt Payment before the Winter ſets in; then no Veſſel is to be expected till the Spring; 'by that Time, or ſooner, I may be removed by Death, or otherwiſe; and tho' the Mo-'ney is made payable to my Aſſigns, there is no ſufficient Ground for an Action againſt the 'Provincial Treaſurer, in caſe he refuſe to pay it.

'Gentlemen, I cannot ſuppoſe you intend to diſappoint me; therefore let all Uncertainties 'be removed, and I ſhall, as near as is proper, anſwer your Expectations.'

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's ſaid Objections, and went through the ſame.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill [*For enabling religious Societies to purchaſe Eſtates*] and the Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Objections.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they cannot meet with the Governor;

Ordered, That they deliver their Meſſage, and make their Report To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for laying a Duty on *Negroes* and *Indian* Slaves, and that the Clauſes relating thereto be omitted in the Impoſt Bill; the ſame Duty to continue for two Years.

Robert Jones brought in the Draught of a Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes* and *Indian* Slaves; which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 24. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill reports, that he, with the other Members, delivered to the Governor the Bill for impowering religious Societies to buy Lands, *&c.* according to Order, with the Anſwer of the Houſe to the Governor's Objections.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *Nicholas Pile*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire to know whether he has gone through the Bill of Fees; and, if the Governor pleaſes, that the Houſe is deſirous to debate the ſame in a Conference.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor will ſend an Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is upon the third Reading of the Impoſt Bill, and does propoſe that the Duty on Wine and Rum be immediately paid in Specie upon Landing.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who ſaid, he would ſend an Anſwer to the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and *Negroes*, imported into this Province, was read a third Time; and, with ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Clerk do tranſcribe the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1714-15.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *1ſt Mo.* 24. Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Gayen Miller*, and *William Stockdell*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire him to remit thoſe Parts of the Bill of Fees which the Council has gone through. 1715.

The ſaid Members return, and brought Part of the Bill of Fees, with ſome Propoſals of Amendment, from the Governor and Council. *1ſt Mo.* 25.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſaid propoſed Amendments, and conceded to Part of them.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *Robert Jones*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Part of the Bill of Fees, and the Impoſt Bill, and to deſire he would be pleaſed to diſpatch them, that they may be ingroſſed; becauſe the Members cannot attend next Week.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered the Bills, with Amendments, and their Meſſage, to the Governor, according to Order; who made anſwer, the Council had almoſt gone through the Bill of Fees, and would ſend the ſame, when finiſhed, to the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour after Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Gayen Miller brought from the Governor the Impoſt Bill, and the Bill of Fees, with the Governor and Council's Objections againſt paſſing the Impoſt Bill, *&c.* which were read in the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue his Order to *Hannah Carpenter*, Widow and Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treaſurer, deceaſed, as follows, *viz.*

THESE are to require thee to keep all the Money, belonging to this Province, which remained in thy late Huſband's Hands, or by thee received ſince his Deceaſe, until thou receive further Order from this Houſe, under the Hand of the Speaker of Aſſembly for the Time being. Dated, *&c.*

Which Order was drawn up, and ſigned by the Speaker accordingly; and *Nicholas Waln* was ordered to carry the ſame to the ſaid *Hannah Carpenter*.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Objections to the Impoſt Bill, and agreed the Words [*Not otherwiſe appropriated*] be ſtruck out of the Bill. They alſo went through the Bill of Fees;

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *John Swift*, and *Nicholas Pile*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bills as amended by the Houſe, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had waited on the Governor with the Bills as amended, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor refuſed to paſs the ſame; becauſe he was of Opinion the Sum propoſed would not be raiſed by the ſaid Impoſt Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *1ſt Mo.* 26.

The Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Objections made by the Governor to the Impoſt Bill, by reaſon of the Shortneſs of the Time therein appointed, and the Oppoſition likely to be made by the Merchants of this City, and by the *African* Company, in relation to the Clauſe about *Negroes*, which may occaſion the Repeal of the ſaid Bill; the ſame being fully debated, and a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Inhabitants of this Province, in general, pay but one Half of the Impoſt Duty on Wine, Rum, *&c.* during the whole Term; that all Wine, Rum, *&c.* belonging to Non-reſidents, pay the full Duty; that the Impoſt Bill be diſſected, and the Duty on *Negroes* be in a Bill by itſelf, as before reſolved by this Houſe; and that the ſaid Duties be continued for three Years? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *Robert Jones*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him with the ſaid Reſolve; and that, if he acquieſces with the ſame, the Houſe is inclined to adjourn for a ſhort Time, in order to prepare and bring in the ſaid Bills accordingly.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor deſired to have a Copy of the ſaid Reſolve in Writing, which he would lay before his Council, and give his Anſwer in the Afternoon.

The Minutes relating to the ſaid Reſolve were copied, and accordingly ſent to the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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1715. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

1ſt Mo. 26. Poſt Meridiem. *Ordered*, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Gayen Miller*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are met, according to Adjournment, and wait for his Anſwer to their Meſſage this Morning.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; that his Council had not yet come together, and he was not willing to do any Thing without them.

Ordered, That *Toby Leech*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that ſeveral of the Members have many Miles Home, and that the Houſe deſires to know his Anſwer to their Meſſage this Morning.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who made anſwer, that the Propoſal of the Houſe was nowiſe ſatisfactory to him.

The Clerk of the Houſe, purſuant to Order, brought in the Account of the Members Attendance this Seſſion; and their Tickets were ſigned by the Speaker, by Order of the Houſe.

The Speaker brought his Account of Bills drawn this Seſſion, by Order of the Houſe, amounting to *Twenty-five Pounds*, which was read, and allowed, and an Order iſſued under his own Hand (witneſſed by the Clerk) on *Hannah Carpenter*, Executrix of the late Provincial Treaſurer, for Payment thereof,	£	25	0 0
Thomas Wilſon, Clerk, produced his Account for Attendance and Buſineſs done this Seſſion, amounting to *Forty Pounds*, which was read, and allowed, and Order iſſued under the Speaker's Hand, as above, for Payment thereof,	£	40	0 0
Nicholas Roſogan, Door-keeper, brought in his Account, amounting to *Fifteen Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, which was read, and allowed, and Order iſſued, as above, for Payment thereof,	£	15	16 0
William Hill, Door-keeper of the Council, brought in his Account for Thirty-one Days Attendance, which, at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, amounts to *Three Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed, and Order iſſued, as above, for Payment thereof,	£	3	17 6

Adjournment. And then the Houſe adjourned till the One and Twentieth of the *Seventh Month* next, unleſs the Governor ſee Cauſe to call them together ſooner.

3d Mo. 2. THE following Members of Aſſembly met this Day purſuant to Summons from the Governor, *viz.* *David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Edward Farmar*, *John Warner*, *Toby Leech*, *John Roberts*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Richard Maris*, *Gayen Miller*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Everard Bolton*; and then adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 3. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

John Swift had Leave to be abſent for ſome Time this Morning.

The Minutes of this Houſe, the laſt Week of their laſt Seſſion, were read.

The Summons of the Governor, for calling the Members of Aſſembly together, was read, being as follows, *viz.*

CHARLES GOOKIN, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

To the SHERIFF, *&c.*

Governor's Summons. Pennſylvania, ſſ. *WHEREAS the Aſſembly of this Province having, in the Month of* March *laſt, divers Matters of the greateſt Weight and Importance before them, which required to be diſpatched for the Publick Good and Safety of all his Majeſty's Subjects in this Government, they, the ſaid Aſſembly, notwithſtanding, thought fit, without my Conſent or Approbation, to adjourn themſelves to the latter End of their yearly Seſſion; by which Means, the Expectations of all good People, who depended on a ſuitable Proviſion to be then forthwith made, to anſwer the ſeveral Exigencies of the Government, became intirely diſappointed: The great Inconveniencies of which muſt ſtill continue unremedied until another Aſſembly be choſen, unleſs they are called together before the Time of their ſaid Adjournment. Theſe therefore are (by and with the Advice of the Council) to require and command you, That you forthwith ſummon all the Repreſentatives, choſen in your County for the ſaid Aſſembly,*

ſembly, that they meet me at Philadelphia, *the ſecond Day of* May *next, to proceed to the Diſpatch of the ſaid Affairs, and ſuch other Matters as I may have Occaſion to lay before them; and, without Delay, make Return of this Writ into the Secretary's Office. Given under my Hand, and Leſſer Seal of the ſaid Province, at* Philadelphia, *the Sixteenth Day of* April, Anno Domini, 1715. 1715. 3d Mo. 3.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, that the Houſe are aſſembled together, purſuant to his Summons, in order to diſpatch the Affairs depending before them; and ready to receive ſuch other Matters as he thinks fit to lay before them; and alſo to deſire to know, whether he has any Thing new from *England* or the Proprietary, to communicate to this Houſe: The ſaid Members return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor acquainted them, he had nothing new from *England* or the Proprietary to lay before this Houſe; and that he expected his Council this Morning, who not being yet come together, he had ſent to this Houſe, in Writing, what he intended to communicate to the Council, being as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

'ALTHOUGH your Affairs would not allow you Time, when laſt together, to diſ- Governor's Meſſage.
'patch the important Buſineſs then before you, yet how conſiſtent your breaking up
'and Adjournment to the End of your Year, without my Conſent or Knowledge, was
'with your Truſt and Duty, you have by this Time, I ſuppoſe, had Occaſion to conſider.

'As by that Adjournment it followed, that either the great Exigencies of Government
'muſt remain unprovided for till another Election, or that I muſt call you again by Writ,
'I found it neceſſary, in Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in me, to give you this Opportunity
'of retrieving what before you had otherwiſe put out of your Power.

'The Adminiſtration of Juſtice, which is by all Men acknowledged the Life of Govern-
'ment, has, to our Reproach, as well as great Inſecurity to his Majeſty's Subjects here, lain
'for a long Time dead; and a Proviſion for my Support, which you are ſenſible is juſtly
'due to me, both call for Diſpatch; which, now you are more at Leiſure, I hope will be
'given them without Delay.

'The Bills prepared for the firſt of theſe may be eaſily accommodated, if you will pre-
'fer good Order and Regularity in your Proceedings to Novelty and untry'd Experiments;
'and how unfit the Methods propoſed for the latter would be found, you cannot, on further
'Reflection, but be ſenſible; nor is it improper to conſider how juſt they would have
'proved, had they been practicable, ſince I find it a general Complaint of the Merchants,
'that the Liquor, from which moſt of the Tax muſt have riſen, will not now, after their
'Voyages are made, return the firſt Coſt to the Adventurers: I hope therefore you will,
'of yourſelves, be convinced of the Neceſſity there is to take more equal Meaſures.

'Gentlemen, I have, ſince my Arrival here, met with Aſſemblies of very different
'Tempers, with ſome of which I have not been able to effect any Buſineſs; ſuch has been
'the Unhappineſs of this Province in thoſe Years: But as you have expreſſed a hearty Zeal
'for the Good of the Publick, not without ſome Reſpect to my Affairs, ſo I ſhall depend
'on your Care and Reſolution to diſpatch what relates to both; in which I muſt earneſtly
'recommend to you that Temper and Unanimity which will always beſt forward Buſineſs;
'and ſhall only put you in Mind, that the beſt of People's Principles is their publick Ac-
'tions, when not accountable by any Law but that of their Conſciences and Honour.'

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſaid written Meſſage from the Governor; and after a long Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That a Meſſage, in Writing, be ſent to the Governor, as follows, *viz.*

THAT this Houſe having taken the Governor's Meſſage this Day into Conſideration, do find it neceſſary, before we enter upon a more particular Anſwer, to ſignify, that we are ready to proceed upon the Bills prepared and laid before the Governor for his Concurrence, and make the ſame Proviſion for him as was then propoſed; for the Circumſtances of the Country will, at preſent, admit of no other.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Meſſage be ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, *Edward Farman*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *John Swift*, immediately, and that they deſire the Governor's Reſult thereon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

1715. 3d Mo. 4. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

John Swift reports, that he, with the other three Members, delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who ſaid, he would return his Anſwer in the Afternoon, and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Joſeph Growdon, and *Griffith Owen*, Members of Council, in a Meſſage from the Governor, brought an Anſwer from the Governor and Council in Writing, which was read in the Houſe, and is as follows.

'THE Governor is ready to proceed with the Aſſembly to finiſh the Buſineſs depending; but cannot be perſuaded but that it is as much a Part of the Aſſembly's Buſineſs to provide for a Support for the Governor as for any other Exigency of the Country. The Methods hitherto propoſed will by no Means anſwer the End; and therefore the Governor deſires the Houſe to think of ſome other that may prove both more effectual and more equal, otherwiſe he will have Reaſon to think that, while Care is taken of all other the Wants of the Country, it is not intended there ſhould be any Regard had of him, or his Support in the Adminiſtration; which, when the Aſſembly conſiders, it is hoped they cannot expect his Concurrence in other Matters upon Terms ſo hard to himſelf. Both the Governor and Country are great Sufferers at preſent for want of neceſſary Bills to be paſſed into Laws; and it lies wholly in the Breaſt of the Aſſembly to make both eaſy.'

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The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſaid Anſwer of the Governor; and, after a long Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That *Richard Hill*, *Robert Jones*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *John Swift*, be a Committee to draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's two written Meſſages to this Houſe ſince our laſt Meeting, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 5. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Committee brought in the Draught of an Addreſs in anſwer to the Governor's two written Meſſages to this Houſe, according to Order, which was read in the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Anſwer of the Committee be read and debated in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Addreſs of this Houſe, in anſwer to the Governor's two written Meſſages, was read by Paragraphs, debated, and with ſome Amendments agreed to by the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's two written Meſſages. *THIS Houſe being fully ſatisfied that their faithful Endeavours have not been wanting to promote the Publick Good of this Province, as much as in them lies, according to the Truſt repoſed in them, as may appear by thoſe neceſſary Bills which they preſented to the Governor before their laſt Adjournment, though at a Juncture when their own private Affairs ſuffered by their Abſence; and therefore no juſt Cauſe for the Imputations which ſeem to be caſt upon us by thy Summons, and two written Meſſages, of the third and fourth Inſtant. And as to our Adjournment to the latter Part of the Year without thy Approbation, and thereby putting it out of our Power to do any Thing further, it was then conſidered, and cannot be denied, but that we had done what we could in preparing Matters for thy Concurrence, which this Houſe are well aſſured would have proved effectual, both to anſwer the Exigencies of this Province, and ſupport the Adminiſtration of Government, if thou hadſt thought fit to have given thy Sanction thereto; but, contrary to the Expectation of this Houſe, thou waſt pleaſed to deny paſſing of any one Bill then made ready, unleſs ſome particular Members of this Houſe would actually become engaged for the Payment of a certain Sum in Lieu of what was propoſed to be raiſed for thy Support. This gave the Aſſembly too much Ground to ſuſpect there might be ſome new Attempt, by Perſons diſaffected to our Proceedings, to fruſtrate the ſame, as it is ſuggeſted was the Fate of the laſt Aſſembly, by an Expectation given the Governor, of otherwiſe ſupplying him with a Sum of Money on thoſe Conditions; which Practices, wherever introduced, as they are inconſiſtent with an* Engliſh *Conſtitution, ſo muſt needs tend to nothing but Confuſion and Diſorder: Therefore we thought it better to adjourn, and retire to our own private Buſineſs, and leave the Governor to ponder Things in his own Mind, or further conſult his Council, or other Friends to this Government, as he might ſee Occaſion; not forgetting that it was in his Power to call us again whenever he ſhould find himſelf diſpoſed to act in Conjunction with us, and paſs*

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the ſaid Bills into Laws, or ſuch of them on which the Security and Protection of the People of this Province ſo much depends. 1715. 3d Mo. 5.

And now, may it pleaſe the Governor, being again met, we do, with hearty Deſires, earneſtly entreat thee to take theſe Things into Conſideration, and properly to uſe thy Power in rendering to the People their juſt Rights, viz. *The Adminiſtration of Juſtice, and the Benefit of the Laws, which is the true End of Government; and ſuch an inherent Right in the Subjects of* Great-Britain, *as could reaſonably be expected, ſhould now be purchaſed under the Proprietary, for whom, with the Sweat of the Brow, a Wilderneſs has been cultivated to a fruitful Field, and a handſome Colony added to the Crown. And although this Houſe has not been unmindful of the Lieutenant-Governor, but have, as a Token of their Gratitude, made a ſuitable Proviſion for his Support in the Adminiſtration of Government, yet crave Leave once more to acquaint the Governor, we aſk no new Privilege of Power or Property to ourſelves, or thoſe we repreſent: And therefore, as his Grand Council and hearty Wellwiſhers, give it as our Opinion, that he ought to inveſt the People of this Province, over whom the Proprietary, by Commiſſion, honoured with the royal Approbation, hath given him Charge, with their juſt Rights, in which this Houſe is ready to perform their Part, and not to embarraſs or delay the ſame, ſo much to the Injury of the King's Subjects here, in rendering them thereby more unhappy than in any other his Majeſty's Dominions.*

We think the Methods propoſed to raiſe the Supply are equal, and we hope the Governor was of that Opinion when he propoſed the above-mentioned Security; and though the Time is much lapſed, we conclude that the Sum propoſed may yet be raiſed by the Impoſt Act; but if it ſhould not, we ſhall give the Governor all the Aſſurances that the Aſſembly can properly give, to make good the Deficiency.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be ingroſſed, ſigned by the Speaker, and preſented to the Governor (by *Nathaniel Newlin,* and *John Warner*) To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 6.

Nathaniel Newlin and *John Warner* report, they delivered the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor ſaid, as ſoon as his Council came together, he would conſider of an Anſwer to the ſaid Addreſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 7.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Gayen Miller,* and *Samuel Garrat,* to deſire an Anſwer to the Addreſs of the Houſe; and to know if he has any Thing further to lay before this Houſe; the ſaid Meſſengers return, and brought an Anſwer in Writing from the Governor, which was read in the Houſe, and is as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

'THE Council are unwilling to aſſiſt me in anſwering your late Meſſage, and give me no good Reaſons for it. Being now alone, I ſhall not take it to Pieces, but only take Notice to you, that what you mention about my requiring Security for the Money you promiſed, was ſpoken jocularly, and ſo I told the Meſſengers, and forbid them to deliver it as a Meſſage; yet you anſwer it as one, which, I cannot but ſay, looks with a very unkind Air. Your mentioning a Story of Money offered me the laſt Year, is of the ſame Nature; for it is very well known it was propoſed only by one Perſon, and I, with Scorn, rejected it. Governor's Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'But, to come to the Matter, I am very willing to agree with you in moſt of the Bills propoſed for my Aſſent; but that of the Impoſt ſeems to me to be ſo unequally laid, that I cannot clear my Conſcience of Partiality ſhould I paſs it as now drawn up; beſides, ſhould the Merchants make no Oppoſition to it, it will come very far ſhort of the End you propoſe: Therefore, I earneſtly deſire you will take it into your further Conſideration.'

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's ſaid Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe; and, after a long Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That if the Governor (according to the Expectations frequently given) will paſs the Bills laid before him, this Houſe will raiſe a Land Tax, and encreaſe the Duty upon Wine, and continue it upon *Negroes,* Hops, Cyder and Rum, brought in, not from the Place of Growth; as alſo upon Rum imported or conſigned by Non-reſidents.

Reſolved, That *Robert Jones, Clement Plumſted, Samuel Garrat,* and *Stoffel Vanſand,* deliver the ſaid Meſſage to the Governor, and deſire his Anſwer thereto.

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1715. 3d Mo. 7. The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor anſwered, he would paſs all the Bills together when the Money Bills were compleated.

Reſolved, That the Speaker, with *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, and ſuch other Members as can attend, do prepare a Bill for raiſing the ſaid Land Tax; and model the Impoſt Bill as voted by this Houſe, and bring in the ſame next Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſixteenth Inſtant, at Five a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 16. Poſt Meridiem. THE following Members of Aſſembly met this Day purſuant to Adjournment, *viz* *David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *John Warner*, *John Roberts*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Evan Lewis*, *Benjamin Mendenhall*, *Samuel Garrat*, *John Swift*, *Everard Bolton*, and *William Paxon*; who having waited until Nine a Clock, adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 17. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for laying a Land Tax, and the new modelling of the Impoſt Bill not being compleated, by reaſon of the Indiſpoſition of the Speaker, agreed to adjourn until *Second Day* next; and that the Speaker be deſired, with the Aſſiſtance of the Committee, to compleat them by that Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till *Second Day* next, in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 23. Poſt Meridiem. THE following Members of Aſſembly met this Day purſuant to Adjournment, *viz.* *David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *John Roberts*, *John Warner*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *Clement Plumſted*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, and *Stoffel Vanſand*; who having waited till Eight a Clock, agreed to meet again To-morrow Morning at Nine a Clock; and then adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 24. The following Members of Aſſembly met this Day, *viz.* *David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *John Warner*, *Nicholas Waln*, *John Roberts*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Evan Lewis*, *Gayen Miller*, *Richard Maris*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, and *Stoffel Vanſand*.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that they cannot make up a Quorum to proceed to Legiſlation; and deſire him to conſider of what Methods he thinks proper to call the Members together.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who made anſwer, that he would ſend out his Summons to call the Members together as ſoon as poſſible.

3d Mo. 25. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a Supply of* One Penny per Pound, *and* Four Shillings per *Head*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder and Hops, imported into this Province*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes, imported into this Province*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for a Supply of *One Penny per Pound*, and *Four Shillings per* Head, was read a a ſecond Time, amended, and ordered to be committed.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Hannah Carpenter, *Relict and Executrix of* Samuel Carpenter, *late Provincial Treaſurer, deceaſed, to receive and recover the Arrears of the Tax of* Two Thouſand Pounds *for the late Queen's Uſe*, was read the firſt Time.

The Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes*, imported into this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 26. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder and Hops, imported into this Province, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Province, was read a third Time, and, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill for a Supply of *One Penny per Pound*, and *Four Shillings per* Head, was read, a third Time, and amended.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Supply Bill, and the Bill for a Duty on *Negroes*, be preſented to the Governor (by *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Nicholas Waln*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*) for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1715. 3d Mo. 26: Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to deliver the two Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence, report, they delivered the ſame accordingly; and that the Governor ſaid, he would give them all poſſible Diſpatch.

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder and Hops, imported into this Province, was read a third Time, and amended.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted* and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered the ſaid Bill to the Governor according to Order; who made anſwer, he would give it all poſſible Diſpatch.

Joſeph Growdon, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council, brought back from the Governor the three Bills, with ſome propoſed Amendments, which they delivered by Word of Mouth.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſaid propoſed Amendments, and went through the ſame.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bills for a Supply and Impoſt on Wines, *&c.* as amended by the Houſe, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that they had delivered the Bills to the Governor, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 27.

The Houſe took into further Conſideration the Bill read the Twenty-fifth Inſtant, to enable *Hannah Carpenter*, Relict and Executrix of *Samuel Carpenter*, late Provincial Treaſurer, to receive the Arrears of *Two Thouſand Pounds* (for the late Queen's Uſe, and to enable her to pay or give Diſcharges, in the Premiſes, as the Laws relating thereunto direct.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe, (only) for that Purpoſe, be added to the Supply Bill, which was brought in accordingly; and being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted* preſent the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence.

The ſaid Member returned, and reports, he delivered the ſaid Bill, with the additional Clauſe, to the Governor, according to Order; who ſaid, he would lay the ſame before the Council, and return his Anſwer thereupon in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Robert Jones*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire him to appoint ſome Members of Council to join with Members of Aſſembly in examining the ingroſſed Bills with the Copies.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor will appoint Members of Council for the ſaid Service.

James Logan, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Members of Council, on a Meſſage from the Governor, propoſed to the further Conſideration of this Houſe, *viz.* That the Number of Judges in the Supreme Commiſſion be made Three (which ſtands Four in the Bill) that the *Precipe*, mentioned in the Bill of Practice, be left out; and that the Writs ſhould iſſue out of the Office, as heretofore.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the ſaid Meſſage, and agreed to the firſt Propoſal; but could not concede to the two latter.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *Robert Jones*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him therewith; and that the Houſe earneſtly deſires the Diſpatch of Affairs depending; and that he would pleaſe to paſs the Bills as now prepared.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he expected the Houſe would meet in the Morning, and ſhould then hear further from him.

Ordered, That the Speaker, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Robert Jones*, attend, with the Members of Council, to examine the ingroſſed Bills, with their Copies, and report the ſame To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 28.

The Speaker reports, that he, with ſeveral other Members of this Houſe, had, Yeſterday, examined the ingroſſed Bills with ſeveral Members of Council, and that they were ready for the Governor to paſs them.

1715. 3d Mo. 28. A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Clement Plumſted*, and *Robert Jones*, that the Bills are ready, and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to paſs the ſame: The ſaid Members return and report, the Governor expected his Council together immediately, and would, when aſſembled, give the Houſe Notice.

Reſolved, That a fair Copy of the Laws of this Seſſion be made by the Clerk, in order to print the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order, under his Hand, directed to the Provincial Treaſurer, for Payment of *Twenty Pounds* for defraying the Charge of Printing the ſame (ſixty Copies whereof ſhall, by him, be diſtributed to the preſent Members of this Aſſembly, and the ſeveral Magiſtrates of this Province) and the Overplus, if any, ſhall be paid for the immediate Services of this Houſe.

The Clerk produced his Account of Service and Attendance ſince the Twenty-ſixth of the *Firſt Month* laſt, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, which was read, and allowed, and Order iſſued under the Speaker's Hand, on the Provincial Treaſurer, for Payment of the ſame, £ 13 6 9

Nicholas Roſogan, Doorkeeper, produced his Account, for fourteen Days Attendance as above, and three Days on the Speaker and Committee, which, at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, amounts to *Two Pounds, Two Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was allowed, and Order iſſued as above, £ 2 2 6

David Lloyd, produced his Account, for immediate Service in drawing the Supply Bill, and new modelling the two Impoſt Acts, amounting to *Five Pounds*, which was allowed, and Order iſſued as above, £ 5 0 0

The Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, in order to paſs the Laws of this Seſſion; and being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor had given his Aſſent to all the Laws paſſed this Seſſion, and that he, according to Cuſtom, had ſigned the ſame at the Council Table.

Richard Hill, and *Clement Plumſted*, are appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the King, and another to the Proprietary.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Waln*, *Nicholas Pile*, and *John Swift*, do, with ſome Members of Council, ſee the Great Seal affixed to the Laws.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do meet together, at Two a Clock this Afternoon, to attend the Governor, at the Publication of the Laws; and on the Ninth of next Month to complete the Addreſſes aforeſaid; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ninth Day of the *Fourth Month* next.

Adjournment.

4th Mo. 9. THE following Members of Aſſembly met purſuant to Adjournment, *viz. David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, *John Warner*, *John Roberts*, *Richard Hill*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Richard Maris*, *John Swift*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *Everard Bolton*, and *Stoffel Vanſand*; who having waited until Eight a Clock, agreed to meet at Eight Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

4th Mo. 10. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Complaint being made by ſeveral Members of this Houſe, that there have been very frequent and great Tumults raiſed in this City, under the Pretence of ſupporting and abetting one *Francis Phillips*, who has lately been indicted for heinous Crimes and Miſdemeanours; and a Motion being made, that this Houſe would conſider of proper Methods to prevent the like Tumults for the future,

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be drawn up, and preſented to the Governor, in relation to the ſaid Complaint; and that the Speaker, with *Richard Hill*, do prepare a Draught of an Addreſs accordingly, and bring in the ſame this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Speaker brought in the Draught of an Addreſs to the Governor, purſuant to Order, which was read, and agreed to, *N. C. D.* without any Amendment, being as follows, *viz.*

To

To CHARLES GOOKIN, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c. 1715. 4th Mo. 10.

The ADDRESS of the Representatives of the Freemen of the said Province, in General Assembly met, the 10th Day of *June*, 1715.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to the Governor.

WE *were in hopes, that the Opening of the Courts of Justice might have been a Means to put a Stop to those Tumults which frequently happened in this City since the Beginning of our Session; so that our Meeting now would have been to crown our Labours with a general Satisfaction.*

But, to our great Disappointment, we understand, by credible Information, that some of those who occasioned those Tumults, in order to annoy their opposite Party, are now levelling their Malignity against the Magistrates of this City and County, and endeavouring to prevail with the Governor to be of Opinion, that here is no Power to bring to Trial a certain Clergyman, who is charged by Indictment, at the King's Suit, for committing Fornication, against the King's Peace, and the Law of this Province, &c.

We desire the Governor to consider, that Fornication, and such like Offences, which in other Places may be of ecclesiastical Connusance, are by the Laws of this Province made triable in the Quarter-Sessions; and as our Laws are, by the royal Charter, to be inviolably observed, so the Governor and Magistrates are bound in Duty to cause the same to be put in Execution: Therefore we are of Opinion, that whosoever doth or shall assert, or endeavour to incense or perswade the Governor, or any other, that the Court of Quarter-Sessions, as by Law established, hath no Cognizance of the said Offences, are, and shall be deemed, Enemies to the Governor and Government of this Province.

And now, may it please the Governor to take speedy Care, by such Ways and Means as may be effectual, to discourage and suppress the said Tumults, and disperse all tumultuous Gatherings of People in this City, and more especially those who shall endeavour to weaken the Hands of the Magistrates in the Discharge of their Duty; or shall speak or act in Derogation to their Authority; or shall in any wise attempt to screen or rescue the said Malefactor from the Course of Justice.

As we have been, and hope shall be, willing to support the Government, so we are earnestly concerned, that the King's Subjects may be protected under thy Administration; and for that End we do insist, that thou will be pleased to cause the Laws to be duly put in Execution; and to countenance and not discourage the Magistrates and Officers in the Discharge of their Duties, that so the People may be reduced to their former Obedience, and Applications for Redress elsewhere be prevented.

We also desire, that Persons be commissionated, and Courts called for speedy Trial of those criminal Causes now depending.

Resolved, That the said Address be ingrossed, signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *John Roberts*; and that they make Report To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Seven a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 11.

The Members appointed to deliver the Address of this House to the Governor, report, they delivered the same accordingly.

A Message was sent to the Governor, by *Clement Plumsted*, to desire an Answer to the Address of this House, delivered to him last Night.

Robert Asheton brought in his Account, as Clerk of the Council, for the Year 1713, being *Fifteen Pounds*, which was read and allowed,	£ 15	0	0
Charles Brockden, Deputy-Master of the Rolls, his Account, being *Eight Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings* and *Six-pence*, was also read and allowed,	8	15	6
Ralph Asheton's Account was read, of which *Twenty-four Pounds*, *Three Shillings* and *Six-pence*, was allowed,	24	3	6
William Pawlet, his Account, as Door-keeper of the Council, for Twenty-five Days Attendance on the Council, at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, being *Three Pounds*, *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence*, was read and allowed, and Order issued to the Treasurer for Payment thereof,	3	2	6
David Evans produced his Account, whereof *Five Pounds* was allowed, and Order issued for Payment, as above,	5	0	0

Isaac Norris, and *James Logan*, brought from the Governor an Answer to the Address of this House of the 10th Instant.

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GENTLEMEN,

1715. 4th *Mo.* 11. Meſſage from the Governor.

'THE Tumults that have hitherto happened, I have immediately endeavoured to quell, and, I hope, with good Effect; the Courts are now opened; the Adminiſtration of Juſtice is reſtored; and if any ſhould appear ſo audacious as to oppoſe the Magiſtrates, they ſhall not want my Countenance and Aſſiſtance to ſuppreſs the Attempt: I am ſorry it ſhould be ſurmiſed to the Aſſembly by any, that thoſe who ſhew a Malignity to the Magiſtracy, could have Grounds of Hope to prevail with me to favour them; on the contrary, they ſhall find (if there be any ſuch) that I ſhall exert all the Authority with which I am inveſted, to ſupport the Proprietary's Powers of Government, and the Magiſtrates, in the Execution of the Laws, and full Diſcharge of their Duty.

'The Commiſſions that are not yet iſſued, will be forthwith expedited.'

The ſaid Members alſo acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor and Council deſired this Houſe to join with them in an Addreſs to the Crown and Proprietary.

Reſolved, That the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governor, and the Governor's Anſwer, be copied by the Clerk, and publiſhed in the Coffee-houſe.

Adjournment.

The Tickets of the Members Attendance this Seſſion were drawn up, and ſigned by the Speaker, by Order of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-firſt of *September* next, unleſs the Governor ſee Cauſe to call the Houſe together ſooner.

7th *Mo.* 21.

THE following Members of Aſſembly met, purſuant to Adjournment, *viz. David Lloyd*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *John Roberts*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Nicholas Pile*, *Evan Lewis*, *John Swift*, and *Everard Bolton*.——

[*And thus ends the Minutes of this Year.*]

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1715.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the reſpective Sheriffs Returns, bearing Date the firſt Day of the *Eighth Month*, *Anno* 1715, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
John Roberts,	*David Lloyd*,	*Joſeph Growdon*,
Jeſtell Jeſtis,	*Samuel Garratt*,	*John Swift*,
Robert Jones,	*Henry Lewis*,	*John Sotcher*,
Edward Farmar,	*Henry Hayes*,	*Thomas Yardley*,
Toby Leech,	*William Pile*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
Nicholas Waln,	*Edward Beazer*,	*Thomas Stackhouſe*,
John Warner,	*Philip Taylor*,	*John Froſt*,
Benjamin Duffield.	*David Lewis.*	*Thomas Harding.*

City of Philadelphia.
Richard Hill, *Iſaac Norris.*

1715. 8th *Mo.* 14.

THE Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, met at the uſual Place in the City of *Philadelphia*; and, being a Quorum, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, made Choice of *Joſeph Growdon*, Eſq; to be their Speaker.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Thomas Stackhouſe*, do wait on the Governor, acquaint him the Houſe are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when they ſhall wait on him, in order to preſent their Speaker; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th *Mo.* 15. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Richard Hill, and *Thomas Stackhouſe*, report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor according to Order, who made anſwer, he would be ready to receive them in about an Hour's Time.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare a Qualification to be subscribed by the Members of this Assembly. 1715. 8th Mo. 15.

A Message from the Governor, by *Robert Assheton*, Member of Council, that he is ready to receive this House, with their Speaker.

The House accordingly waited on the Governor, in order to present their Speaker, who was pleased to approve him; and being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor had been pleased to make a Speech to this House, of which he had obtained a Copy, being as followeth:

GENTLEMEN,

'IT was with great Alacrity I passed the Bills laid before me by the last Assembly; and 'I gave the Country my hearty Thanks for the Provision they made, by a Land Tax, 'for my Support in the Administration; but, by I know not what Accident, the Law for 'that End is rendered ineffectual: I hope, Gentlemen, you will not leave me under any 'Uncertainty in that Affair. Governor's Speech.

'Gentlemen, I am to acquaint you, that I have writ to the Proprietary, for his Leave to 'go Home in the Spring, and to some Persons of Note, to procure me the King's Licence 'of Absence for twelve Months. Till I return, or that you have another Governor, no 'Laws can be passed by the Council, whatever Difficulties the People may happen to la-'bour under; therefore I give you this Notice, that you may prepare such Bills as may 'be necessary for the Welfare of the Province, and you shall find me ready to join with 'you.'

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech, and after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That a Committee be appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raising a Land Tax, passed by the late Assembly, and mentioned in the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Richard Hill*, *Nicholas Waln*, and *John Swift*, do prepare and bring in the said Bill, at the next Sitting of the House.

The Clerk, according to Order, brought in a Qualification to be subscribed by the Members of this House, which being read by him in the House, with an audible Voice, was subscribed by the following Members, *viz. Joseph Growdon*, Speaker, *John Roberts*, *Jestell Jestis*, *Toby Leech*, *Nicholas Waln*, *John Warner*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *Richard Hill*, *Isaac Norris*, *David Lloyd*, *Samuel Garratt*, *Henry Lewis*, *Henry Hayes*, *William Pile*, *Edward Beazer*, *Philip Taylor*, *John Swift*, *John Sotcher*, *Thomas Yardley*, *Thomas Stackhouse*, *John Frost*, and *Thomas Harding*.

The House being informed, that for want of a Copy of the Laws of the last Session, the Justices of the County of *Chester* had not sat on the Day prefixed by the said Act, whereby a Discontinuance of the Process had happened in the Court of Common Pleas in that County; and a Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in for reviving and continuing the same,

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in for that Purpose, and that the aforesaid Committee do prepare and bring in the same accordingly.

A Message being sent to the Governor by *Nicholas Waln*, and *John Roberts*, to acquaint him, that the House have taken into Consideration that Part of his Speech relating to the Land Tax; that they have appointed a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill to revive and inforce the Collection of the Money to be raised by the said Tax; and have proposed to adjourn till the Twenty-fourth Instant, in order to have the said Bill prepared and brought in accordingly: The said Members return, and report, they had delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; and that he had acquiesced with the Adjournment proposed by this House as aforesaid; and then the House adjourned till the Twenty-fourth Instant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE House met pursuant to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 8th Mo. 24.

Edward Farmar had Leave to be absent for some Time upon a very extraordinary Occasion; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 8th Mo. 25.

Jeremiah Langhorne read and subscribed the Qualification appointed by Law, and took his Place in the House.

David Lloyd, from the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raising a Land Tax, passed by the late Assembly, brought in the Draught of a Bill accordingly, which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading this Afternoon. He also, from the said Committee (according to Order) brought

1715. brought in the Draught of a Bill for reviving and continuing of Proceſs and Pleadings in the County of Cheſter, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

8th Mo. 25. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raiſing a Land Tax, paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, was (according to Order) read a ſecond Time by Paragraphs, debated, and agreed to be committed.

The Bill for reviving the Proceſs in the County of *Cheſter*, was read a ſecond Time; and an Amendment being propoſed to be added to the ſaid Bill,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to the ſaid Committee to be amended accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 26.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill for reviving the Proceſs in the County of *Cheſter*, as amended by the Committee, was read, and, with a ſmall Amendment, agreed by the Houſe to be tranſcribed.

A Petition of *Thomas Armitt*, ſetting forth, that he having imported a *Negroe* Woman Slave, which, from a Child, belonged to his Wife, and brought here to attend on her Service, without any Deſign of ſelling the ſaid Slave (for which the Collector demands *Five Pounds* Duty) and deſiring he may be admitted to have his ſaid *Negroe* without paying the ſaid Duty, was read.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that the Law for the Duty on *Negroes* has fully provided in ſuch Caſe, and to which the Petitioner is referred.

A Petition of the Juſtices of the Peace and Sheriff of the County of *Cheſter*, ſetting forth, that the ſaid Sheriff, for want of a ſufficient Priſon, hath been obliged, in the Winter Seaſon, to accommodate Debtors, for the Preſervation of their Lives, at his own Houſe, and deſiring that he may not be liable to an Eſcape for ſo doing.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for a proper Relief.

The Bill for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raiſing a Land Tax, paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, was read a third Time, and amended; and a Motion being made, that the ſaid Bill do paſs this Houſe, the further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-

Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 27.

morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raiſing a Land Tax, paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, do paſs? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

The Bill for reviving the Proceſs in the County of *Cheſter*, was read the third Time, debated, and, with an Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe. Upon the Queſtion put,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

A Meſſage from the Governor by *Robert Aſheton*, that the Governor has not been able to get a Council together; but deſired to take a Glaſs of Wine with the Speaker and Aſſembly, at *Sarah Radcliff*'s, this Evening.

Ordered, That the Clerk do tranſcribe the ſaid Bills, to be preſented to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 28.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *John Roberts*, do preſent the Bill for reviving the Proceſs in the County of *Cheſter*; and that for reviving and enforcing the Execution of the Act for raiſing a Land Tax, paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and to acquaint him, that the Houſe having at preſent no other Buſineſs before them, are inclined to adjourn for ſome Time.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor, and their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor acquieſced with the propoſed Adjournment of the Houſe, and hopes to diſpatch the Bills in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Edward Beazer, and *Thomas Stackhouſe*, being ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to deſire to know whether he has diſpatched the Bills ſent him from this Houſe this Morning? The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who anſwer'd, that his Council is not yet aſſembled, and as ſoon as they were come together he would give the Bills all poſſible Diſpatch.

Thomas Stackhouſe had Leave to be abſent for ſome Time, on an extraordinary Occaſion; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1715. 8th Mo. 19.

Andrew Bradford brought in his Account for printing Sixty Volumes of the Laws of this Province, paſſed in 1714, amounting to *Thirty-four Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, of which *Twenty Pounds* received; remains due *Fourteen Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, and allowed, and the Speaker was deſired to iſſue an Order to the Treaſurer for Payment of the ſame, after all Orders of former Aſſemblies are complied with, £ 14 7 6

Jeremiah Langhorne, and *Henry Lewis*, being ſent on a Meſſage to the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe has agreed to the Amendments propoſed, and made the Clerk's Fee *Four Shillings*; and that this Houſe deſires to know when the Governor will be ready to receive the Houſe, in order to paſs the Bills: The ſaid Members return, and report, the Governor is ready to receive the Houſe immediately.

The Speaker, with the Houſe, went to the Governor, in order to have the ſaid Bills paſſed; and being returned, reports, that the Governor had accordingly given his Aſſent to thoſe two Bills; and that he, by Order of the Houſe, had ſubſcribed the ſame as uſual; and *Iſaac Norris* was ordered by the Houſe to attend with a Member of Council to have the Great Seal affixed to the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſecond Day of the *Eleventh Month* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met in Purſuance of the Governor's Summons, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 1716. 3d Mo. 1.

Ordered, That *Edward Beazer*, and *Thomas Harding*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a Quorum of the Houſe met, and that they will wait on him to receive his Commands To-morrow Morning, about Nine a Clock, to which Time this Houſe is adjourned; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 2.

Edward Farmar, and *David Lewis* (after having heard the Qualification appointed by Law read unto them in the Houſe by the Clerk, with an audible Voice) ſubſcribed the ſaid Qualification, and took their Places in the Houſe.

Thomas Harding reports, that he, with *Edward Beazer*, had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, and that the Governor anſwered, he would be ready to receive the Houſe as ſoon as his Council came together.

Ordered, That *Toby Leech*, and *John Roberts*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that a Quorum of the Houſe is met, and are ready to attend him.

The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor's Council is not yet aſſembled, and that as ſoon as he could get them together, he would ſend Notice to the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor (by *James Logan*, and *Samuel Preſton*, Members of Council) that the Governor not having ſo full a Council as he expected, had ſent a Meſſage in Writing to the Houſe, which was read, and ſpoke to more particularly by Mr. *Logan*; and the ſaid Members of Council being withdrawn, the ſaid written Meſſage from the Governor was again read in the Houſe, being as follows:

GENTLEMEN,

'BY what Miſtake or Misfortune you miſſed your Adjournment, I ſhall not enquire; you are now reſtored to your Privileges as at firſt, and I am ready to join with you to enact ſuch Laws as may be for the Intereſt and Tranquility of the Province. Governor's Meſſage.

'To what I laid before you at your firſt Meeting, I muſt recommend to you, that a Law may be made to impower Aliens to hold and enjoy Lands: That a Duty be laid on Goods imported from *New-York*, and Provinces adjacent, equivalent to what they have laid on ours: And that the Property Act be revived.

'Gentlemen, I muſt, on my own Part, recommend to your Conſideration, that I have been almoſt eight Years in the Proprietary's Service, and above ſeven in the Province, yet have not received from the Publick an Equivalent to what I left to ſerve them. I ſhall make no Demand, but leave this Matter entirely to you.

'Should it be my Misfortune to be diſregarded in this Point, I ſuppoſe I cannot be juſtly blamed if I ſollicit to be recalled; and I heartily wiſh ſuch a Perſon may be ſent to preſide over you, who will bring with him a ſtronger Inclination (if it be poſſible) than I have, to exert himſelf for the Honour and Intereſt of the Proprietary, and for the Intereſt and Happineſs of the People.'

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's ſaid Meſſage, and, after a long Debate, the farther Conſideration thereof was adjourned until the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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1716. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

3d Mo. 2. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe, according to Order, proceeded in the farther Conſideration of the Governor's written Meſſage to the Houſe this Morning, and ſpent ſome Time therein.

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be preſented to King *GEORGE*, in the Name of this Houſe, and that *Richard Hill*, *David Lloyd*, and *Iſaac Norris*, do prepare and bring in the ſame To-morrow Morning, at Nine a Clock; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 3. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe proceeded in the Conſideration of the Governor's written Meſſage, and after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the Clerk of this Houſe do prepare and bring in a Bill to lay a Duty on Goods imported from *New-York*, and Provinces adjacent, equivalent to what they have laid on Goods from this Province.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Price of Gold, and Dollars, be raiſed in Value, in order to ſupply the preſent Want of Coin in the Province? *Reſolved in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

A Petition of divers Freeholders and others, of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, ſetting forth, that the Trade and Credit thereof is very much impaired, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to remedy the ſaid Inconvenience, was read;

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for confirming Patents and Grants, and that *David Lloyd*, and *Richard Hill*, do prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to impower Aliens to hold and enjoy Lands, and that the ſaid *David Lloyd*, and *Richard Hill*, do prepare and bring in the ſaid Bill.

Iſaac Norris, from the Committee appointed to prepare and draw up an Addreſs to King *GEORGE*, brought in the ſame accordingly, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table.

The ſaid Addreſs was again read in the Houſe by Paragraphs, and, with ſome ſmall Amendments (on the Queſtion put) agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* being as follows:

To *GEORGE*, KING of *Great-Britain*, &c.

The humble ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of all the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in ASSEMBLY met, the Firſt of the Month called *May*, 1716.

Gracious SOVEREIGN,

Aſſembly's Addreſs to the KING. *THOUGH by divers concurring Cauſes, and particularly the great Indiſpoſition of our Proprietary and Governor in Chief of this Province, we have been hitherto, to our great Trouble, prevented the Opportunity of expreſſing to the* KING *our ſincere Joy for his happy and peaceable Acceſſion to the Throne of his Anceſtors, and thereby ſecuring to all his Proteſtant Subjects the full Enjoyment of their Religious and Civil Rights; yet none could be more ſenſible of the great Bleſſing, nor expreſs a warmer Zeal for his Service, in their earlieſt Approaches, than at all Times ſince has filled our thankful Breaſts: And although we had not the deſired Advantage of expreſſing theſe our Sentiments, yet we became the eaſier under that Diſappointment, by accounting the Majority of this Province included in that general Application made by their Friends at* London, *in Behalf of the whole Community, wherein our Thoughts, with their own, were moſt truly repreſented.*

Such has been the KING's *Goodneſs, not only expreſſed in his firſt generous royal Declaration, and repeatedly ſince, from the Throne, but more powerfully exerted through a moſt wiſe and ſteady Adminiſtration, in purſuing every Meaſure that might contribute to the Safety and Happineſs of his People; in making the known Laws the unvariable Rule of his Government; in reſtoring the Honour of the* Britiſh *Nation Abroad; and in procuring for his Subjects ſuch Advantages in Commerce, as could ſcarce be hoped for, after they had been ſo unhappily given away, that even the remoteſt Parts of the* KING's *great Dominion feel the benign Influences of his paternal Affection to the Whole, and are laid under doubled Obligations to make the utmoſt Returns of Gratitude, as well as Obedience, for their Happineſs under his auſpicious Reign.*

It is therefore the more ſurpriſing, that there ſhould be any of Britiſh *Race within that Iſland, ſo loſt to all Senſe of their own Intereſt, as well as their engaged Duty to a Prince of the moſt conſpicuous and conſummate Virtues, as to expreſs the leaſt uneaſy Murmurs, much leſs to riſe in an open and unnatural Rebellion; for the Suppreſſion of which, by the great Wiſdom and Vigilance of the* KING, *and his Miniſtry, and Faithfulneſs of his Servants,*

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we do, with Hearts full of the ſincereſt Gratitude and Joy, return our moſt humble Acknowledgments to the Fountain of infinite Goodneſs and Mercy, that has ſo eminently appeared in the Support of the royal Throne, eſtabliſhed on the laſting Foundation of Juſtice, to the Confuſion of all the deteſtable Machinations vainly formed againſt it. 1716. 3d Mo. 3.

As for us, our known Principles are ſo eſſentially interwoven with the Proteſtant Intereſt of Great-Britain, *and our greateſt Concerns do ſo entirely depend on the Preſervation of thy Perſon, and royal Iſſue, long to reign over us, that we cannot poſſibly ſeparate our own Welfare from the indiſpenſable Duty of ſhewing ourſelves, with the moſt hearty Affection, thy loyal and moſt obedient Subjects.*

That Confuſion and Diſappointment may attend all the wicked Devices of thy Enemies; that the Minds of thy People may be compoſed, and univerſally inſpired with the ſame Spirit of Love and Obedience as that wherewith we now approach thy Throne; and that the watchful Providence of Almighty GOD *may always attend the* KING, *and confirm the Wiſdom and Juſtice of his rightful Government over us, is the moſt ſincere and unfeigned Deſire of the* KING's *humble and dutiful Subjects.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

JOSEPH GROWDON, Speaker.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Addreſs be ingroſſed by the Clerk, and ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be preſented to the KING accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 3d Mo. 4.

The Clerk, according to Order, brought in two ingroſſed Copies of the Addreſs to the King, which were ſigned by the Speaker in the Houſe.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, *Edward Farmar*, *Edward Beazer*, and *Thomas Harding*, that this Houſe having taken into Conſideration the Matters recommended by him to the Houſe, are inclined to adjourn till the firſt *Second Day* in *June* next, in order for the Preparing ſeveral Bills, which they have ordered to be brought in againſt their ſaid next Meeting; and to deſire to know if the Laws of this Province, lately paſſed, had been remitted to *England*; and whether he had any Advice from *England* relating to the Government; and that there was great Uneaſineſs among the People, by reaſon ſeveral Criminals lay in the ſeveral Goals of the Province, who were not tried or yet brought to Trial. The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; that the Governor acquieſced with the propoſed Adjournment; that he knew nothing of the Laws being remitted to *England*; or had any Advice either from the Proprietary or Miniſtry at Home relating to this Government; but before the Houſe adjourned, he deſired they would take into Conſideration the latter Part of his Speech relating to his Support, and give him their Anſwer therein, or otherwiſe he had an Intention to throw himſelf at King GEORGE's Feet, or Words to that Effect; that as to that Part relating to the Criminals and Execution of the Laws, the Governor replied, it behoved him to act with all the Prudence and Caution imaginable, and would adviſe with thoſe ſkilled in the Laws, with regard to his own Safety.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage of this Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That the aforeſaid four Members do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Matters firſt propoſed in his Speech have been duly conſidered by the Houſe, and Bills ordered to be prepared accordingly; that as to the Article of the Supply, the Houſe cannot think of laying a new Tax ſo ſuddenly on the Gathering of the former, nor can at preſent ſo far judge of our Funds, or what may in ſome further Time be brought into the Treaſury, ſo as to come to a Reſolution at this Time on that Head.

Reſolved, That the Speaker, *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, *Edward Farmar*, and *Henry Lewis*, or ſo many as can attend, be a Committee to get an Exemplification of the Laws of this Province tranſmitted to *England*, in order to their being confirmed by the Crown; that they employ an Agent to negotiate the ſame, and to procure the Attorney or Sollicitor General's Opinion in *England* on the late Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain* ſent hither relating to the Affirmation; that the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer for *Fifty Pounds* for that Service; and that an Account of the neceſſary Charge and Expence thereof, being laid before the Aſſembly for the Time being, and approved by them, ſhall be allowed as a publick Debt on the Province, and paid out of the Publick Treaſury; and that the ſame Members take Care that the Addreſs of this Houſe be preſented to the King, firſt ſhewing the ſame to the Governor.

The ſaid four Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor deſired that the Speaker, with the whole Houſe,

1716. would attend him in Council at a Conference, at *Robert Aſheton*'s, at Four a Clock this Afternoon.

3d Mo. 4. The aforeſaid Order on the Provincial Treaſurer was as follows.

To *SAMUEL PRESTON*, Provincial Treaſurer of *Pennſylvania*, or the Treaſurer for the Time being.

THESE are to require thee, out of the Publick Money remaining in thy Hands, to pay unto Richard Hill, *and* Iſaac Norris, *or either of them, the Sum of* Fifty Pounds, *current Money, they being of the Committee appointed to procure an Exemplification of the Laws of this Province to be tranſmitted to* England *for the Approbation of the Crown, and other Services.*

By Order of the Houſe,

JOSEPH GROWDON, Speaker.

Adjournment. And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock, P. M.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Meſſage being ſent to the Governor by *Benjamin Duffield*, and *Jeſtell Jeſtis*, to acquaint him, that the Houſe are met, and are ready to wait on him, purſuant to his Meſſage to the Houſe this Morning: The ſaid Members return, and report, that the Governor is ready to receive the Houſe immediately.

Then the Houſe, with the Speaker, went to attend the Governor in Council at a Conference; and being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor did inſiſt on the Supply mentioned in his written Meſſage to the Houſe the ſecond Inſtant, and did declare, that unleſs the Houſe would comply with his ſaid Demand, he would quit the Government of the Province, and leave it in the Hands of ſuch Perſons as are qualified by Law to act therein.

Ordered, That the aforementioned four Members do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe could not recede from their Meſſage to him this Morning; that what the Governor had offered in the laſt Conference ſhould be in the Mind of each Member of this Houſe until their next Meeting on the Fourth of the next Month, to which Time they are inclined to adjourn; and in the mean time that the ſeveral Bills, voted by this Houſe, ſhould be ready to be brought into the Houſe at their ſaid next Meeting.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor replied, that, if he was here in the Province, he would act with them; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fourth Day of the next Month.

Adjournment.

4th Mo. 4. THE Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Froſt*, and *Philip Taylor*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a full Quorum of the Houſe met, and deſire to know whether he has any Thing to lay before this Houſe, and make their Report To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

4th Mo. 5. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor made anſwer, he had no new Matter to lay before the Houſe.

Iſaac Norris reported, that he, with *Richard Hill*, in Purſuance of the Order of this Houſe the Fourth of the *Third Month* laſt, had waited on the Governor with the Addreſs to the King, which he read and approved; and that they had procured an Exemplification of the Laws of this Province, and had tranſmitted the ſame, and the Addreſs to the King, to the Proprietary; and that they had employed an Agent to ſollicit the Confirmation of the ſaid Laws; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Edward Roberts, and *John Cadwalader*, purſuant to Order of this Houſe the Third of the *Third Month* laſt, brought in the Draught of a Bill for improving the Trade and current Stock of this Province, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Clerk, purſuant to Order, brought in the Draught of a Bill for laying a Duty on Goods imported from *New-York* and Provinces adjacent, equivalent to what they have laid on Goods from this Province, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *John Swift*, do wait on the Governor, and deſire to know whether he has any Thing from the Crown or the Proprietary to communicate to this Houſe;

House; and if the Governor shall think fit to pass such Bills as the House have ordered to be brought in, they are of Opinion, that the Impositions on Wines, &c. will raise a considerable Sum for a Supply, without laying any new Tax on the Country. 1716. 4th Mo. 5.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; that he made answer, he had no Letter from the Crown or Proprietary, or any relating to the Publick; that he did insist upon a Supply; but does not make it a Term for passing any new Bills.

A Petition of *Cornelius Connor*, desiring this House to confirm to him, for a Term of Years, a Ferry he has for some Years past carried on from this City and *Wicacoa* to any Part of *Jersey*, from *Daniel Cooper*'s to *Glouceſter*; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Thomas Stackhouse had Leave to be absent for some Time, on an extraordinary Occasion.

This House finding that the Grievances by them complained of last Sitting, relating to the Criminals in the respective Goals of this Province, does still remain unredressed; and a Debate arising thereupon,

Resolved, That a Message be sent to the Governor, desiring him to take effectual Care for the speedy Trial of the said Criminals.

Ordered, That *Edward Beazer*, and *Benjamin Duffield*, do wait on the Governor with a Copy of this Resolve, and make their Report To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 4th Mo. 6.

Edward Beazer, and *Benjamin Duffield*, report, they delivered the written Message of the House to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor made answer, he would call his Council together in order to consult about the Law for erecting the Supreme Court, which he conceived was defective in the Clause which appoints the Commissionating the Judges of the said Court.

Samuel Preston, Member of Council, in a Message from the Governor, brought an Answer in Writing to the written Message of this House Yesterday, which was read in the House, and is as follows.

'THAT the Governor had appointed Persons to try the Criminals as the Law directs, 'and Commissions were issued out; that the Neglect therefore does not lie at his Door, 'if they did not proceed; that one of the Judges has for some Months been absent, and he 'is given to understand that another declines to act; but is very ready to commissionate any 'other Persons that may be found proper and are willing to undertake it; which is now un-'der Consideration.'

A Message was sent to the Governor by *John Swift*, and *David Lewis*, that this House are inclined to adjourn until the sixth Day of *August* next, by which Time it is expected News will arrive from *England*.

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Thomas Wilson gave in his Bill, for his Attendance, and extraordinary Service this Session, amounting to *Six Pounds*, *Eight Shillings* and *Ninepence*, which was read and allowed, and Order issued to the Treasurer for Payment thereof accordingly,	6	8	9
Nicholas Rosogan, Door-keeper, gave in his Bill, for his Attendance, and extraordinary Service, amounting to *Two Pounds*, *Three Shillings* and *Sixpence*, which was read and allowed, and Order issued as above,	2	3	6

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order, and that he acquiesced with the proposed Adjournment of the House.

Ordered, That the Clerk transcribe fair the Minutes against the next Meeting of the Assembly; and then the House adjourned untill the sixth Day of the *Sixth Month* next. Adjournment.

THE House met pursuant to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 6.

A Message was sent to the Governor by *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Thomas Stackhouse*, *Edward Beazer*, and *John Roberts*, to acquaint him, that there is a Quorum of the House met, and that they are ready to receive any Thing that he has to lay before them; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 7.

John Roberts and *Edward Beazer* report, that they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor made answer, he had nothing further to lay before the House than what he had represented in his Speech and written Message to them, and desired they would take them into their serious Consideration.

Isaac Norris was ordered to go to the Provincial Treasurer, and get an Account what Sums of Money have been received by him out of the Impost and Land Tax; and how much thereof paid to the Governor.

Resolved,

1716. 6th Mo. 7. *Reſolved*, That the Speaker iſſue an Order to the Provincial Treaſurer for paying the Sum of *Twenty-four Pounds*, *Three Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, to *Ralph Aſheton*, for ſo much due to him as Clerk of the Council, as by his Account, allowed by the Aſſembly the Eleventh of the *Fourth Month*, 1715, appears; and the ſaid Order was iſſued accordingly, £ 24 3 6

Iſaac Norris reports, that he had been with the Provincial Treaſurer, according to Order; and that the Land Tax (of which there are great Arrears ſtanding out) if it be collected and paid in, according to the Treaſurer's Eſtimate, will amount to about *Four Hundred Pounds*; that the Treaſurer had received by Order, anſwered out of the Impoſts, from *Owen Roberts*, Collector of that Duty, about *Three Hundred Pounds*; that he has an Account from *Owen Roberts*, of Bonds in his Hands for the Impoſt Duty, to the Value of about *Five Hundred Pounds*, but cannot tell what Drawbacks may ariſe; ſo that if the whole Land Tax as aforeſaid be paid in, and theſe Bonds for Impoſt be diſcharged, they will amount to about *Twelve Hundred Pounds*. And the Treaſurer further gave him an Account, that the Money appropriated to the Governor, and Orders drawn on him by the Speaker, by Order of the Aſſembly, which have already come to his Knowledge, do in all amount to upwards of *One Thouſand Pounds*.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration that the Year is near expiring, and that there is but a bare Quorum, and one or two Members on urgent Occaſions obliged to go Home, and there being no Appearance of publick Buſineſs of abſolute Neceſſity before them, do think of a Receſs for the Year; and conſidering that nothing has been done for the Governor's Support this Year, a Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that ſince it appears there may in a few Months be an Overplus of Publick Stock in the Treaſury, that *One Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor for and towards his preſent Support? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *John Swift*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Year being near expired, and the Houſe being unwilling to proceed in Legiſlation, had agreed to a Receſs for the Remainder of this Year, and had unanimouſly voted, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be preſented to him towards his preſent Support.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and deſired him to concur with the Houſe in the above Order and propoſed Adjournment; and that the Governor acquieſced with the Houſe in the ſaid Order and Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Clerk do prepare Tickets of the preſent Members Attendance this Seſſion, and that *Benjamin Duffield*, and *Samuel Garratt*, do examine the Journal and Tickets againſt the Sitting of the Houſe this Afternoon.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order to the Provincial Treaſurer for paying the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds* to *Robert Aſheton*, for ſo much due to him for his Service as Clerk of the Council for one Year, from *December* 1712, to *December* 1713, as by his Account, allowed by Aſſembly the Eleventh of the *Fourth Month*, 1715, appears; and the ſaid Order was iſſued accordingly, £ 15 0 0

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Nicholas Roſogan brought in his Account of Service and Attendance ſince laſt Account, amounting to *Ten Shillings*; and he having given up his former Order, which was cancelled, it was added to his former Account, making in all *Two Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read and allowed, and Order drawn on the Treaſurer, and ſigned by the Speaker, for Payment thereof, £ 2 13 6

Thomas Wilſon brought in his Account for his Service and Attendance ſince his laſt Bill, amounting to *Thirty Shillings*, which was read and allowed, and Order iſſued for Payment as above, £ 1 10 0

A Petition of *John Leacock*, deſiring a *Negroe*, imported by him from *Barbados* for his own Service, and not for Sale, may be exempted from paying the Duty impoſed by the Act laying a Duty on *Negroes*; was read.

Reſolved, That if the Subject Matter of the ſaid Petition be true, and if the Petitioner give Security not to diſpoſe of the ſaid *Negroe* in one Year, he ought to be exempted from paying the ſaid Duty.

The Speaker, by Order of the Houſe, ſigned the Tickets of the ſeveral Members Attendance (who are here preſent) being firſt examined with the Journal by *Samuel Garratt*, one of the Committee appointed for that Purpoſe.

And then the Speaker, with the Houſe, attended the Governor with an Intention not to meet again this Year, unleſs the Governor ſee Cauſe to call them together.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fifteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1715.

The Names of the Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, according to the respective Sheriffs Returns, bearing Date the first Day of the *Eighth Month*, *Anno* 1716, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Chester *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Richard Hill, Speaker.	*David Lloyd*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
Isaac Norris,	*John Blunston*, jun.	*Thomas Stevenson*,
William Trent,	*Henry Hayes*,	*John Sotcher*,
Jonathan Dickinson,	*Joseph Pennock*,	*Joseph Bond*,
Thomas Masters,	*David Harry*,	*Joseph Kirkbride*,
Joseph Redman,	*John Maris*,	*Thomas Stackhouse*,
Clement Plumsted,	*John Worrall*,	*John Swift*,
William Fishbourn.	*Henry Oburn*.	*James Carter*.

City of Philadelphia.
George Roach, *Benjamin Vining*.

THE Representatives of the Freemen of this Province, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, met at the usual Place in *Philadelphia*; and, being a Quorum, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded and chose *Richard Hill*, Esq; their Speaker, who was accordingly placed in the Chair. 1716. *8th Mo.* 15.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *John Worrall*, and *Benjamin Vining*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House are met, have chose their Speaker, and desire to know when they shall wait on him, in order to present their Speaker.

Ordered, That a Qualification be prepared by the Clerk, to be subscribed by the Members of this Assembly; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *8th Mo.* 16.

The Members appointed Yesterday to wait on the Governor report, they deliver'd their Message according to Order; and that the Governor made answer, he would be ready to receive the House, with their Speaker, this Morning at Eleven a Clock.

A Message being sent to the Governor by *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Thomas Masters*, that the House is met, and ready to wait on him, in order to present their Speaker. The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; who answered, he was ready to receive them immediately.

Then the House went to attend the Governor, in order to present their Speaker, who was pleased to approve him; and being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor had made a Speech to the House, of which he had obtained a Copy, being as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'THERE was so little done by the Assembly of the last Year, that what I laid before them I must recommend to your Consideration. If upon further Views you may have other Bills to offer, that may be for the Interest and Tranquility of the People, I shall be ready to pass them into Laws; and I promise myself you will make a Return suitable to their Circumstances, and the Advantages they will receive by them.' Governor's Speech.

The Speaker, with the several Members present, subscribed the Qualification appointed by a Law of this Province in the Fourth Year of the Reign of the late Queen ANNE, being first read to them in the House (by the Clerk) with an audible Voice, *viz.* *Richard Hill*, Esq; Speaker, *Isaac Norris*, *William Trent*, *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Thomas Masters*, *Joseph Redman*, *Clement Plumsted*, *William Fishbourn*, *George Roach*, *Benjamin Vining*, *David Lloyd*, *David Harry*, *John Maris*, *John Worrall*, *Henry Oburn*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Thomas Stevenson*, *John Sotcher*, *Joseph Bond*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, and *John Swift*.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *David Lloyd*, *William Fishbourn*, and *Benjamin Vining*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House have taken the Qualifications appointed

1716. pointed by the Laws of this Province; and desire to know if the Governor had any Directions from Home, or any further Qualification to offer to this House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

8th Mo. 16. Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor report, they delivered their Message according to Order; and the Governor replied, he had no particular Directions from Home concerning that Matter, nor any further Qualification to recommend to the House.

The House notwithstanding believing it to be their Duty to subscribe the Abjuration, as prescribed for the People called *Quakers*, by the Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain* (*Anno* I. GEORGII) the Members present subscribed the same in the House, being first read to them by the Clerk with an audible Voice, *viz.* *Richard Hill*, Esq; Speaker, *Jonathan Dickinson*, *Isaac Norris*, *Thomas Masters*, *Joseph Redman*, *Clement Plumsted*, *William Fishbourn*, *David Lloyd*, *David Harry*, *John Maris*, *John Worrall*, *Henry Oburn*, *Jeremiah Langborne*, *Thomas Stevenson*, *Joseph Kirkbride*, *Joseph Bond*, and *John Sotcher*.

And these following Members subscribed the Abjuration prescribed by the Act of Parliament of *Great-Gritain* (being first read to them by the Clerk, in the House, with an audible Voice) *viz.* *William Trent*, *George Roach*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *John Swift*.

Thomas Wilson was elected, *N. C. D.* to serve as Clerk of this Assembly for the Year ensuing, and took a solemn Affirmation for the due Execution of his Office.

Nicholas Rosogan was elected, *N. C. D.* to serve as Door-keeper of this Assembly for the Year ensuing.

The House being informed, that *John Blunston*, jun. Member of Assembly, elected for the County of *Chester*, is deceased;

Resolved, That the Speaker do issue his Order to the Secretary of this Province, that he issue a Writ for electing another Person to serve in his Stead; which was immediately done accordingly.

The House taking into Consideration the great Delay of Justice in the Trial of the Criminals now in the respective Goals of this Province, the same being for some Time debated;

Resolved, That the Judges of the Supreme Court be desired to lay before this House To-

Adjournment. morrow Morning the Reasons of the Delay of those Trials; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

8th Mo. 17. The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Judges of the Supreme Court, pursuant to the Order of the House, brought in the Reasons in Writing of the Delay of the Trial of Criminals, which was read in the House, being as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Judges. IN Obedience to the Order of the House of Yesterday, that the Judges of the Supreme Court do lay before the House the Reasons why the Trials of the Criminals now in the respective Goals of this Province are delayed:

We the said Judges humbly offer this Reason, That observing a Question has been raised, whether by extending to *America* the late Act of Parliament for the Affirmation, allowed to those called *Quakers* in *Great-Britain*, all the Exceptions in the said Act are not also extended hither; and finding that our Governor, from whose Commissions our Power is derived, has entertained the Opinion that they are so extended, as on several Occasions he has publickly declared it, we cannot think it prudent in us to proceed, by Virtue of our Commission, in Opposition to that Opinion, in so tender a Point as the Lives of his Majesty's Subjects.

WILLIAM TRENT,
JONATHAN DICKINSON,
GEORGE ROACH.

The said Reasons of the Judges of the Supreme Court were again read in the House; and the House being also informed, that the Governor refused to qualify certain Persons according to the Laws of this Province; after a long Debate thereon, the House came to the following Resolutions, *viz.*

That the royal Charter makes the Acts of this Province most absolute and available in Law until repealed by the King.

That the Laws of this Province, now in Force, have sufficiently settled the Qualifications of Magistrates, Officers, *&c.*

That the Act of the First of King GEORGE, relating to the Affirmation and Declaration of the People called *Quakers*, *&c.* does not repeal or make void any the Laws of this Province.

That

That whosoever doth or shall persuade the Governor to be of a contrary Opinion, or to refuse the Qualifying of Persons, pursuant to the said Laws of this Province, are Enemies to the Governor and Government. 1716. 8th Mo. 17.

The foregoing Resolutions being again severally read in the House, were agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* And then the House adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Clement Plumsted*, do wait on the Governor with a Copy of the Resolves of the House this Day, and acquaint him, that it is the Desire of this House that he would be pleased to discountenance any Opinion that tends to the Delay of the Trial of the Criminals, or the Denial of qualifying Officers, according to the Laws of this Province, which is so great a Grievance to the Country.

Peter Worrall was, by Vote of the House, elected Sergeant at Arms, or Messenger of this House, and took his Affirmation for the faithful Execution of his Office; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 8th Mo. 18.

John Swift, and *Clement Plumsted*, report, they delivered the Copy of the Resolves of this House, and their Message to the Governor, according to Order; who said, he would send an Answer to the House as soon as he could get his Council together.

A Petition of *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impost on Wines, *&c.* complaining that several Persons send Quantities of Wine to *Burlington*, and *Newcastle*, without paying the Duty; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Divers * Rules, approved by former Assemblies, and entered in the Journals of this House, were read, and agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.*

The Order of Assembly, entered in the Journal of the Thirteenth of the *Eleventh Month*, requiring the Attendance of the Members and Clerk, was read, and upon the Question put, agreed to, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Joseph Redman*, and *John Sotcher*, do wait on the Governor, and desire an Answer to the Message sent him Yesterday from this House.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message according to Order; that the Governor said, he would in Half an Hour send an Answer in Writing to the House.

Robert Assheton brought to the House a Paper sealed up, which he said he received from Mr. *Bermingham*, being an Answer from the Governor to their Message Yesterday, as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

'I LAID your Reasons of the seventeenth Instant before the Council, who, after much Debate, declared themselves of your Opinion, to which I cannot agree, for the following Reasons. Governor's Answer to the Assembly's Message.

'1. The Judges of the Supreme Court, appointed for the Trial of the Prisoners at *Chester*, were Persons who could take and administer Oaths, and no Objection was offered me on account of the inferior Officers or Witnesses; and though I was of Opinion I could not be safe in giving any Qualification but an Oath, yet by a *Dedimus* they might have been qualified as the Law directs.

'2. I join with the Assembly in this Resolve, provided the Laws are not repugnant to the Laws of *England*.

'3. I allow the Laws of the Province had settled the Qualifications of the Magistrates and other Officers, until the Publication of the Act of King GEORGE relating thereto.

'4. This is answered in the former.

'5. I differ from the Assembly in the Case of Qualifications; a *Dedimus* to qualify Persons, according to Law, will, it is to be hoped, keep me safe, and answer the Ends of Government in that Case.

'6. The Messengers said not one Word to me relating to your Order.'

And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

The Governor's Answer to the Resolves and Message of this House was again read and debated.

Resolved, That a Message be drawn up in Writing, and presented to the Governor, in answer to his written Message this Morning.

The same being drawn up accordingly, and read in the House, was, with some small Amendments, agreed to, being as follows, *viz.*

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* These Rules are verbatim the same as in the first printed Votes, Part II. Page 2. *Anno* 1703.

1716. May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

8th Mo. 18. Meſſage from the Aſſembly.

THE Aſſembly having taken into Conſideration thy Speech, do find ourſelves much diſcouraged from preparing any Bills to offer the Governor for paſſing into Laws by the Knowledge we have of his Opinion concerning ſome of thoſe Laws which are already made, which ſeems to render them of no Uſe to the Country; nor can we think of ſuch ſuitable Returns as the Governor ſeems, by his Speech, to expect, when a Stop is put to the Execution of our Laws, and ſuch Violence offered to our Conſtitution.

This Houſe has alſo conſidered the Governor's Anſwer of this Day to our Reſolves preſented to him laſt Night; and ſince, as the Governor has been pleaſed to inform us thereby, that the Opinion of the Council is the ſame with that of this Houſe, ſo that the Governor ſeems to ſtand ſingular therein, we hope the Governor upon further Conſideration will find Reaſon to alter his Opinion, and concur with this Houſe in the ſaid Reſolves. More particularly, that the Act of the Firſt of King GEORGE *is not a Negative to our Law of an Affirmation here.*

But if he ſhould ſtill think fit to hold the contrary Opinion, that he would lay before this Houſe his Reaſons or Authorities in Law for the ſame; and that he would be pleaſed to give this Houſe Leave and Opportunity to debate the ſame before him, with any ſuch Perſons as have adviſed the Governor therein.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Worrall*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid written Meſſage, and deſire his Anſwer thereto.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered the ſaid written Meſſage of this Houſe to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor ſaid, he would return an Anſwer thereto To-morrow Morning.

David Harry, and *John Maris*, were ſent to the Governor with a Commiſſion for appointing *Peter Worrall* Sergeant at Arms, or Meſſenger of this Houſe, and to deſire him to ſign the ſame. The ſaid Members returned with the ſaid Commiſſion, ſigned by the Governor, which was afterwards ſealed with the Leſſer Seal.

John Swift had Leave to be abſent till To-morrow, his Daughter being dangerouſly ſick.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in; which were brought in accordingly.

The Houſe being informed (even now) that the Lieutenant Governor, CHARLES GOOKIN, Eſq; hath, at divers Times, and to ſundry Perſons, charged *Richard Hill*, Eſq; (preſent Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, and now Speaker of this Houſe) as a Perſon diſaffected to his Majeſty King GEORGE; and that the ſaid Lieutenant Governor further alledged, the only Occaſion of Difference betwixt him and the ſaid Mayor was, becauſe the Governor would not agree to proclaim the Pretender; or Words to that Effect. The further Conſideration thereof was adjourned till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Nine a Clock preciſely.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 19.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Houſe, according to the Order of Yeſterday, proceeded on the further Conſideration of the Information relating to the Speaker; after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Houſe reſolved into a grand Committee of the whole Houſe, further to enquire into and conſider of that Matter; and

Reſolved, That the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons, Papers and Evidence, and report their Proceedings therein to the Houſe at Ten a Clock.

After ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker re-aſſumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Eſq; Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Affair to them referred; and deſired that they may have Leave to ſit again in the Afternoon.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, in the Afternoon, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed on the ſame.

A Petition of *James Logan*, Secretary of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, ſetting forth, that the preſent Lieutenant Governor, CHARLES GOOKIN, Eſq; has at ſundry Times repreſented the Petitioner as a Jacobite, and a Friend to the Pretender; and praying that the Houſe would be pleaſed to enquire into the Grounds of the ſaid Report, was read.

Robert Aſheton brought to the Houſe a Paper ſealed up, which he ſaid he received from Mr. *Bermingham* as from the Governor, which was read in the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

GENTLEMEN,

Meſſage from the Governor.

'I AM not ſurprized at the firſt Paragraph of your Meſſage of Yeſterday, which I thus anſwer with the reſt; to uſe the Language of former Aſſemblies, and ſome of the Council, I am given to underſtand, that you did not deſign to make Laws nor raiſe Money this Seſſion, but upon Terms inconſiſtent with my Duty and Safety to comply with.

'Tis not to be wondered at, that the Council ſhould be of Opinion with the Aſſembly, ſince of four, of which the Council conſiſted, three of them are of the People called *Quakers*, and the other, I ſuppoſe, durſt not diſſent from them.

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'I cannot recede from my Opinion relating to the Act of the First of King GEORGE 'till I am otherwise directed from Home.

'I cannot agree to a Conference, where I must be without a Lawyer, and under the 'Disadvantage of Six and Twenty to One; for I assure you, Gentlemen, in this Affair I 'am govern'd by my own Reason: And if I had Advisers, I should not bring them to a 'Conference, where 'tis probable they might see me treated with Indignity through their 'Sides.'

Ordered, That a Message in Writing be sent to the Governor, to acquaint him, that this House is informed, that the Governor had, on some Occasion, charged *Richard Hill*, Esq; Speaker of this House, and *James Logan*, Esq; Secretary of this Province, as Jacobites, and disaffected to the Government of *Great-Britain*; and to desire that he would be pleased to lay before this House the Grounds of the said Charge.

Ordered, That *George Roach*, *William Fishbourn*, *Henry Oburn*, and *John Swift*, do wait on the Governor, and deliver him the said Message; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Post Meridiem.*

John Swift, and the other Members appointed to deliver the written Message of this House to the Governor, report, they delivered their Message according to Order; that the Governor replied, that he thought himself not obliged to render any Reasons to this House for his Accusation against the Speaker, but would do it at the Board at Home; that the Members replied, that if he could give any Proofs to support the Charge against the Speaker, the House would purge themselves of any Member disaffected to the Government; and the Governor answered, that he believed in his Conscience, that the Speaker was in the Pretender's Favour, but would not give any Reasons to the House for such his Belief; and that the House might if they pleased adjourn themselves for Six Months, or any longer Time, or Words to that Effect.

Resolved, N. C. D. That the following Message in Writing be sent to the Governor, *viz.*

To *CHARLES GOOKIN*, Esq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, &c.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

THIS *House being under a deep Concern, upon all Occasions, to shew their Loyalty as faithful Subjects to his Majesty King* GEORGE, *can by no Means think themselves discharged of their Duty, without further Enquiry into the Truth of the Report which they have received, and made the Governor acquainted with this Morning, which affects their Speaker, and another Person bearing considerable Offices and Trusts in this Government; and finding the Governor's Answer to our last Message concerning the same not satisfactory, do crave Leave to acquaint the Governor, that this House doth immediately intend to resolve into a Committee of the whole House, in order to enquire into that Matter; and that the said Committee will be desirous to receive from the Governor, or any other Person, any Information concerning the same, in order to proceed to the Extent of what is their Duty, and purge this House of any Member or Members thereof, that may appear, or shall be proved guilty of Disloyalty to the King, or Disaffection to his Government, under which we unanimously declare ourselves extremely happy, and well satisfied.* Message from the Assembly.

Ordered, That the said written Message be signed by the Speaker, and that *Clement Plumsted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, do wait on the Governor with the same.

The said Members return and report, they delivered their Message according to Order.

Resolved, That this House do immediately resolve into a Committee of the whole House, in order to proceed in the further Consideration of the Information against the Speaker of this House; and that the Petition of *James Logan* be referred to the Consideration of the said Committee.

The House accordingly resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to consider of the Matters to them referred as aforesaid; and, after some Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Esq; Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had examined and gone thro' the Business to them referred, and came to certain Resolves, which he delivered in Writing.

Ordered, That the said Report of the Committee be read To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 8th Mo. 20.

According to Order Yesterday, the Report of the Committee was read, and, after some Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the House, *N. C. D.* and is as follows, *viz.*

1716. *8th Mo.* 20. Report of the Committee concerning the Charge of Jacobitiſm on the Speaker and Secretary.

THE Committee having entered upon the Examination of the Report concerning the Speaker, as alſo conſidered the Petition of *James Logan*, Eſq; Secretary of this Province, and having heard the Evidences and Affidavits made by *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Thomas Maſters*, and *Abraham Bickley*, Eſquires, Aldermen of the City of *Philadelphia*, *Robert Aſheton*, Eſq; Recorder of the ſaid City, and *Owen Roberts*, Eſq; Sheriff, whereby it is proved, that the Governor had declared, that the Speaker, and the ſaid *James Logan* were Jacobites, diſaffected to the preſent Government of *Great-Britain*, and Favourers of the Pretender, or Words to that Effect, as by the ſeveral Depoſitions hereunto annexed may appear.

Whereupon the Committee ſent a Meſſage to the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is in a Grand Committee, and deſire to know whether he has any Thing to lay before them, to maintain the Charge againſt the ſaid Perſons; and the Governor returned for Anſwer, that he had nothing to lay before the Committee; whereupon the Committee having made what further Enquiry they could concerning the ſaid Charge, and finding nothing, they proceeded to hear what the Speaker had to ſay in his own Vindication; and having read the Secretary's Petition, which contains his Vindication, as well as Complaint of the Injury he ſuſtains by the ſaid Charge, came to theſe following Reſolves.

1. This Committee is of Opinion, that the ſaid Charge againſt the Speaker and the Secretary, is without any Ground or Reaſon to ſupport it.

2. That the ſaid Speaker, and Secretary, having, very ſoon after Notice of his Majeſty King GEORGE's happy Acceſſion to the Crown, taken and ſubſcribed the Declarations and Engagements required by Law to qualify them in their reſpective Stations and Places of Truſt in this Government; and inaſmuch as nothing has been made appear to this Committee, that the ſaid Speaker, and Secretary, have, or either of them hath, in any ways, violated their ſaid Engagements, but upon all Occaſions have demean'd themſelves as faithful and loyal Subjects ought to do; therefore this Committee is of Opinion, that the ſaid Charge ſeems to be intended only to render them obnoxious to our Sovereign Lord the King and his Government.

3. It is the Opinion of this Committee, that inaſmuch as the Governor was pleaſed to declare his Satisfaction with the Choice made by the preſent Aſſembly of the ſaid *Richard Hill* to be their Speaker, the Governor ought to do the Houſe of Repreſentatives the Juſtice, either to lay before them the Reaſons or Grounds of his ſaid Charge, if any, or clear him of that Imputation.

4. That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Affidavits, whereunto this Report refers, be annexed hereunto, and laid before the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *David Lloyd*, *John Swift*, and *George Roach*, be a Committee to prepare an Addreſs or Repreſentation of the preſent State of Affairs in this Government, againſt the next Meeting of this Houſe; and that the Proceedings of this Houſe be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee.

That the Speaker, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Benjamin Vining*, be a Committee to examine and reviſe the Minutes, and that the Clerk do tranſcribe them fair againſt the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue his Orders, requiring ſuch Members as have not yet appeared, to give their Attendance on the Service of this Houſe next Meeting, *viz. Henry Hayes*, *Joſeph Pennock*, *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *James Carter*, which were done accordingly, and delivered to *Jeremiah Langhorne* and *Henry Oburn*.

Ordered, That *John Sotcher*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the Twenty-ninth Inſtant.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor ſaid, he was well pleaſed with the ſaid propoſed Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-ninth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 29. THE Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 30. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The following Members ſubſcribed the Qualification appointed by the Law of this Province (Fourth *Annæ Reginæ*) and alſo the Abjuration, preſcribed for the People called *Quakers*, by the Act of Parliament of the Firſt of King GEORGE, the ſame being firſt read unto them by the Clerk, in the Houſe, with an audible Voice, *viz. Henry Hayes*, and *Joſeph Pennock*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

8th Mo. 30. *Post Meridiem.*

Thomas Stackhouse, and *James Carter*, elected to serve as Members of Assembly for the County of *Bucks* for the Year ensuing, appeared, and offered several Reasons to the House to be excused from attending the Service this Session; and being withdrawn, the Question being put, whether the Reasons given by the said *Thomas Stackhouse* are sufficient to excuse his Attendance on the Service of this House? *Resolved in the Negative, N. C. D.*

The Question being put, whether the Reasons given by the said *James Carter* are sufficient to excuse his Attendance on the Service of this House? *Resolved in the Negative, N. C. D.*

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the said *Thomas Stackhouse*, and *James Carter*, be prosecuted according to Law, for refusing to attend the Service of this House? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Clerk of this House do prosecute them for the same accordingly, and report his Proceedings therein to the Assembly.

Resolved, That the Speaker issue his Orders to the Secretary of this Province for electing two Persons to serve in Assembly instead of the said *Thomas Stackhouse*, and *James Carter*, refusing to serve as aforesaid; which was done accordingly.

The Committee appointed to prepare and bring in an Address or Representation of the present State of Affairs of this Province, brought in the same accordingly; which was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

8th Mo. 31. *Post Meridiem.*

The Address or Representation of the present State of the Affairs of this Province was, according to Order, read a second Time, and debated.

Resolved, That this House do To-morrow Morning resolve itself into a Committee of the whole House, further to consider of the said Representation, and nothing to intervene; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning precisely.

Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

9th Mo. 1.

Ordered, That it be an Instruction to the Grand Committee on the Representation of the present State of Affairs in this Province, to insert such Law Cases, and other Instances relating to that Matter, as they shall think suitable.

Then the House, according to the Order of the Day, resolved into a Committee of the whole House, to proceed on the Consideration of the said Representation; and, after a long Time spent therein, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Esq; Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had made some Progress in the Matters to them referred, and desired Leave to sit again in the Afternoon.

Resolved, That this House will in the Afternoon resolve into a Committee of the whole House, further to proceed in the Consideration of the said Representation; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Post Meridiem.

The House, according to Order of the Day, resolved into a Grand Committee, further to proceed in the Consideration of the Representation of the State of Affairs in this Province; and, after a long Debate thereon, the Speaker re-assumed the Chair, and *William Trent*, Esq; Chairman of the said Committee, reported, that they had gone through the said Representation, and made several Amendments thereto, and delivered into the House the said Representation as so amended.

Ordered, That the same be read To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

9th Mo. 2.

The House, according to Order, proceeded on the Reading of the Representation of the State of Affairs in this Province as brought in by the Committee.

Resolved, That the further Consideration thereof be referred till the Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Post Meridiem,

The House, according to Order, proceeded further in reading of the Representation brought in from the Committee, went through the same, and made several Amendments thereto.

The Question being put, whether the said Representation as now amended, be ingrossed by the Clerk, signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

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1716. 9th Mo. 9. *Benjamin Vining* reports, that he, with the Speaker and *Clement Plumſted*, had (according to Order of the Twentieth *ult.*) examined and reviſed the Journals of this Houſe with the fair Copy or Duplicate of the ſame, as tranſcribed by the Clerk, which were delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſame Members be continued to go through the Remainder of the Journal, and examine the ſame with the fair Copy, in order for Publication; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 3. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd brought in divers Quotations which he collected from Books of Law, being adjudged Caſes to ſupport the Opinion of the Houſe relating to the Force and Operation of Laws of this Province, as is ſet forth in the Repreſentation of this Houſe, which were read; and the Queſtion being put, whether the ſaid Law Caſes be annexed (by Way of Appendix) to the aforeſaid Repreſentation of this Houſe? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Clement Plumſted brought in a ſhort Clauſe to be added to the Repreſentation of this Houſe, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table; the ſaid Clauſe being again read, was amended, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Clauſe as amended be added to the ſaid Repreſentation? *Reſolved in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, this Houſe inclines to adjourn till the laſt Day of *December* next.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; to which he agreed.

Thomas Wilſon, Clerk, brought in the Repreſentation of this Houſe, with the additional Clauſe and Appendix thereto (the ſame being ingroſſed according to Order) which was examined and read in the Houſe, being as follows, *viz.*

To CHARLES GOOKIN, *Eſq; Lieutenant Governor of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *&c.*

A REPRESENTATION of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in General Aſſembly met, the Third of the Ninth Month, 1716.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Repreſentation of the State of the Province. WHEN our Proprietary and Governor in Chief firſt obtained a Grant of this Province from the Crown, and a numerous Colony of induſtrious People ſettled therein, we are well aſſured it was his Inclination, as well as viſible Intereſt, to render them as ſafe and eaſy as poſſible under his Adminiſtration.

And as his religious Perſwaſion, as a Diſſenter from the eſtabliſhed Church of *England*, was well known, and therefore thoſe of the ſame Profeſſion made a great Part of the firſt Adventurers with him, it cannot be doubted but that he would ever think himſelf obliged to provide that they ſhould enjoy in *Pennſylvania*, at leaſt equal Eaſe and Privileges with any other *Engliſh* Subjects of the ſame Rank in any of the King's Dominions.

Accordingly, when neceſſitated to be abſent from us, as he has for the moſt Part been, he took Care from time to time to appoint ſuch Perſons to be his Deputies in the Government, in whoſe Moderation and Tenderneſs towards his Friends, as well as Loyalty to the Crown, and Juſtice to all its Subjects, he believed he might confide.

When the Governor therefore firſt brought over the Proprietary's Commiſſion of Deputation for the Government, we could not doubt but that, being the Proprietary's Choice, and acting ſolely by Powers derived from him, he would ſteadily purſue the Meaſures that had generally been taken from our firſt Settlement, and endeavour to make all the Subjects of the Crown, under the Proprietary's Government, equally ſecure and eaſy.

On this Expectation, confirmed by the Proprietary's Letters of Recommendation, the Aſſemblies, not doubting the Governor's good Intentions towards them, freely diſcharged what was incumbent on them, and it is hoped in no ſmall Meaſure to the Governor's Satisfaction.

Nor, while the Proprietary's Health and former Abilities happily continued, had the Inhabitants much Reaſon to complain; but that the Governor made the Proprietary's Directions from Home, as far as they could be obtained, and the Advice of thoſe the Proprietary had intruſted here, the Rule (in a great Meaſure) of his Conduct, in what related to the Proprietary's Intereſt or Government, and to the Privileges of the People.

But whether it be now owing to the Diſcontinuance of thoſe Orders and Directions, which has followed on the late great and melancholy Change in the Proprietary's Health, or to ſome unhappy Advice from others, or to any new formed Views, we know not; but this Houſe of Repreſentatives, ſoon after their firſt Meeting, finding the Governor had, at length, ſo far loſt Sight of the Obligations he lay under to his Principal and Conſtituent, as to enter

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on Measures inconsistent with his Interest and our Constitution, and the Liberties of the People, we judged it our indispensable Duty to apply to the Governor for Redress; who declaring his Opinion to be such as would not admit of any, we desired, with due Submission, that he would be pleased to suffer the Reasons of that Opinion to be argued before him; but finding, to our Trouble, that all our Endeavours are in vain, we think ourselves obliged, in the Discharge of the Trust reposed in us, fully to represent the fatal Consequences, as well as Unreasonableness, of those Measures, to the End that a proper Relief may be obtained; without which, the greater Part of the Inhabitants of this Province must be rendered miserable, which we humbly offer as follows. 1716. 9th Mo. 3.

Those who accompany'd the Proprietary in the Settlement of this Colony being chiefly (as has already been observed) of those called *Quakers*, who lying under some Hardships in their native Country, because, for Conscience Sake, they could not comply with the Laws there for taking Oaths, they expected that, by Virtue of the Powers of Legislation granted by the Crown to the Proprietary and them, they might, after the Hazards and Toil of their Removal hither, be capable of enjoying the Privileges of *English* Subjects, without Violation to their religious Principles.

Accordingly the Proprietary and Assemblies provided Laws, by which those People might be enabled to hold any Offices (there being but few others at that Time to fill them) or to give Evidence in any Case whatsoever.

Some Disputes afterwards arising on this Subject, the late Queen, by her Order in Council, dated the Twenty-first of *January*, 1702, was pleased to extend to this Province the Affirmation, allowed to *Quakers* in *England*, by the Seventh and Eighth of WILLIAM the III. not only for the Purposes intended by that in *England*, but also for the Qualification of Magistrates and Officers; and the same being from thence applied to other Cases, this Order, on the Repeal of our own Acts, in a great Measure supplied what was necessary in this Point for the Administration of Justice.

But the Act of Parliament itself being near its Expiration, it was found necessary, as well on that as some other Considerations, to establish by an Act of this Province the Qualifications of Officers, and the Manner of giving Evidence by Affirmation; and the Governor (upon the Assembly's performing the Conditions proposed to them) passed Acts for that, as well as other Purposes, to answer the Exigencies of the Government.

That the said Affirmation Acts should have full Force, according to the Intention of them, is of such Importance to the Ease and Security of the whole Province, that it could scarce be supposed any Person amongst us, who professed even the most slender Regard to the Peoples Welfare, would attempt to deprive them of the Advantages thereof.

It is therefore the more surprizing, that the Governor himself (from whose Station, and the Trust reposed in him by our Proprietary, the most tender Concern for the Safety and Well-being of all his Majesty's Subjects, under his Care, might reasonably be expected) should be the principal, if not the first Person in his Government, who would render the Intentions of those Acts void to us, tho' passed by himself into Laws so lately before, by publickly declaring his Opinion in such Manner as would render the said Acts repugnant to the Laws of *England*, and repealed by the Act of Parliament of the First of his present Majesty; in Pursuance of which Opinion, he has refused to qualify such Persons for Offices that could not take the Oath according to the Law of *England*.

The Consequence of which is, that as no *Quaker* in *Great-Britain* is qualified or permitted to give Evidence in any criminal Causes, or serve on any Juries, or bear any Office or Place of Profit in the Government; so, should the same hold in this Colony, not only the greater Number of the first Adventurers, with their Descendants of the same Profession, are to be wholly excluded from having any Part or Share in the Administration of Justice, and Execution of the Laws of the Country (which, as it would be a general Inconveniency, so would it throw the Burden too heavily on a few of the Inhabitants) but, what is of no less Importance, for the Security of those of other Professions, the greatest Outrages and Barbarities against any Person may be committed in the Face of any Number of *Quakers*, and the Malefactors, tho' brought to Trial, must escape with Impunity for want of legal Evidence, if that of *Quakers* is not to be so accounted; of which the Governor cannot forget a very memorable Instance, when (at a Time, that unhappily there was no Act of the Province for an Affirmation, but the Queen's Order was thought sufficient during that Interval for all but Capital Cases) it is presumed a Murderer escaped the Sentence that was due to him for want of such Evidence as was esteemed legal, tho' more than one *Quaker* appeared in Court who were Witnesses to the Fact.

But besides these Inconveniencies, however great, there remains one further Consequence of that Construction of the Act, which, perhaps, the Governor is not sufficiently advised of; which is, That if no *Quaker* in *Great-Britain* nor the Plantations can bear any Office or Place of Profit in the Government, some may judge it a natural Inference, that the Proprietary himself is equally affected by it; and then all Powers derived from him, as well those

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Having thus far pointed out the deſtructive Conſequences of that Opinion, ſhould it fully take Place in this Province, we judge it, in the next Place, incumbent on us, in Duty to the Governor, and for the Diſcharge of the Truſt repoſed in us by thoſe we repreſent, to offer to the Conſideration of the Governor, and all others concerned, ſuch Reaſons as have occurred to us in our Enquiry into this Head, which, we hope (with Submiſſion) will render it inconteſtably evident, that the Affirmation Acts of this Province are in full Force, and are neither repealed nor affected by any Act of Parliament that has come to our Knowledge; but that the Governor is obliged to take Care, that the ſame be equally, with any other Act, put duly in Execution.

By the ſame royal Charter of King CHARLES II. by which this Province, with Licence to tranſport an ample Colony thereunto, was granted to our Proprietary, and Governor in Chief, the ſaid King grants to him, and his Heirs, *&c.* Power to make Laws jointly with the People; and directs the Force and Limitations of them in the following Words, as they ſtand in divers Parts of the ſaid Charter, but are here collected, *viz.*

'We repoſing ſpecial Truſt and Confidence in the Fidelity, Wiſdom, Juſtice, and provident Circumſpection, of the ſaid *William Penn*, for us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant free, full, and abſolute Power, by Virtue of theſe Preſents, to him and his Heirs, and to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, for the good and happy Government of the ſaid Country, to ordain, make, enact, and under his and their Seals to publiſh any Law whatſoever for raiſing of Money for the Publick Uſes of the ſaid Province, or for any other End, *&c.* by and with the Advice, Aſſent and Approbation of the Freemen of the ſaid Country, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates, *&c.* and the ſame Laws duly to execute unto and upon all People within the ſaid Country, and Limits thereof; which Laws, ſo as aforeſaid to be publiſhed, our Pleaſure is, and ſo we enjoin, require and command, ſhall be moſt abſolute and available in Law: And that all the Liege People and Subjects of us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do obſerve and keep the ſame inviolably in thoſe Parts, ſo far as they concern them, under the Penalties therein expreſſed, or to be expreſſed. *Provided nevertheleſs*, That the ſaid Laws be conſonant to Reaſon, and be not repugnant or contrary, but, as near as conveniently may be, agreeable to the Laws, Statutes and Rights of this our Kingdom of *England*. *And our further Will and Pleaſure is*, That the Laws for regulating and governing of Property within the ſaid Province, as well for the Deſcent and Enjoyment of Lands, as likewiſe for the Enjoyment and Succeſſion of Goods and Chattels, and likewiſe as to Felonies, ſhall be and continue the ſame as they ſhall be, for the Time being, by the general Courſe of the Law in our Kingdom of *England*, until the ſaid Laws ſhall be altered by the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, and by the Freemen of the ſaid Province, their Delegates or Deputies, or the greater Part of them. And to the End the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs, or other the Planters, Owners, or Inhabitants of the ſaid Province, may not, at any Time hereafter, by Miſconſtruction of the Powers aforeſaid, thro' Inadvertency, or Deſign, depart from that Faith and due Allegiance which, by the Laws of this our Realm of *England*, they, and all our Subjects in our Dominions and Territories, always owe unto us, our Heirs, and Succeſſors, *&c.* *Our further Will and Pleaſure is*, That a Tranſcript or Duplicate of all Laws, which ſhall be ſo as aforeſaid made and publiſhed within the ſaid Province, ſhall, within five Years after the Making thereof, be tranſmitted and delivered to the Privy Council for the Time being of Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors; and if any of the ſaid Laws, within the Space of ſix Months after that they ſhall be ſo as aforeſaid tranſmitted and delivered, be declared by us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, in our or their Privy Council, inconſiſtent with the Sovereignty or lawful Prerogative of us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, or contrary to the Faith and Allegiance due by the legal Government of this Realm from the ſaid *William Penn*, or his Heirs, or of the Planters or Inhabitants of this Province; and that thereupon any of the ſaid Laws ſhall be adjudged and declared to be void by us, our Heirs or Succeſſors, under our or their Privy Seal; that then, and from thenceforth, ſuch Laws, concerning which ſuch Judgment and Declaration ſhall be made, ſhall become void, otherwiſe the ſaid Laws ſo tranſmitted, ſhall remain and ſtand in full Force, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof.'

Purſuant to theſe Powers, the ſaid Acts of this Province for an Affirmation were made and publiſhed: And tho' a conſiderable Part of the five Years, limited in the Charter, is yet unexpired, the ſame have been duly tranſmitted; nor have we heard any Thing but that they are, or may be, well approved of, having Reaſon to hope, that they contain nothing for which (according to the Tenor of the ſaid royal Charter) they ought to be declared void; and therefore are of as full Force, as abſolute and available, and to be obſerved and kept as inviolably, as any Law whatſoever that can be enacted in this Province, and ought accordingly to be as duly executed by the Governor to the full Extent thereof.

But

But the Governor, in answer to a Resolution of this House of the Eighteenth of *October* last, which was, That the royal Charter makes the Acts of this Province most absolute and available in Law until repealed by the King, is pleased to say, that he joins with the Assembly in this Resolve, provided the Laws are not repugnant to the Laws of *England*: And by the following Paragraph in the same Answer, which is, That he allows the Laws of the Province had settled the Qualifications of Magistrates, and other Officers, until the Publication of the Act of King GEORGE relating thereto, he has, at last, thought fit to give so much under his Hand as his Opinion; the natural Construction whereof is, that the said Affirmation Acts of this Province (being the Subject then in Hand) are repugnant to the Laws of *England*, and repealed by the said Act of Parliament. 1716. 9th Mo. 3.

But to this we humbly offer, that if it must be termed repugnant, because it differs from, or is not the same with the Act of Parliament, then the Clause of the royal Charter, which grants Power to the Governor and Assemblies here to alter the Laws of *England* for the Descent of Lands, enjoying Estates, and punishing Felonies in this Province (as is above recited from the said Charter) appears to be useless, and in vain.

But it is further to be considered, that as the Term Repugnant always implies an absolute Opposition or Contrariety in Matter, it cannot be said, that an Act of this Province, which enables those called *Quakers* to serve in Offices, upon Juries, and to be Evidence in all Cases (the Circumstances of the Country requiring that it should be so) is contrary to an Act of *Great-Britain*, which enables them only to give Evidence in Civil Cases; these two differ, 'tis true, and so it was certainly considered and expected at the Time of the royal Grant, that our Acts might in some Measure differ from those in *England*, otherwise those of *England* would suffice, and no such Power for altering them needed to have been granted; on the contrary, the Act of this Province, pursuant to the Directions of that royal Charter, is as nearly agreeable as, to our Conveniency, may be, to the Statute provided for *Quakers* in *Great-Britain*.

But the Governor, we presume, could not intend by his Answer, that this Act, at the Time of passing it, was repugnant to any of the Laws of *England*, tho' it differed from them, for in that Case certainly he could not have given it his Sanction; it must therefore be meant, that it is become repugnant only since the supposed Publication of the *British* Act, which he conceives repealed it; or, to state what can be alledged on that Head, in its full Force, and the plainest Terms it will bear, that the Act of the First of King GEORGE, intituled, *An Act for making perpetual an Act of the seventh and eighth Years of the Reign of his late Majesty King* WILLIAM III. intituled, *An Act that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called* Quakers, *shall be accepted instead of an Oath in the usual Form*, &c. extends to this Province that Act of King WILLIAM, by these Words in the last Clause of it, *viz.*

'*Provided always*, That so much of this Act as relates to the Affirmations to be made 'by the People called *Quakers*, shall be extended to that Part of *Great-Britain*, called '*Scotland*, for ever, and to the Plantations belonging to the Crown of *Great-Britain*, for 'five Years, *&c.*' Therefore, that as the *Quakers* are not permitted by that Act in *Great-Britain*, to hold Offices, serve on Juries, or be Evidence in Criminal Cases; so, by its being extended to the Plantations, they are as effectually disabled there; and that all Acts of this Province for qualifying *Quakers* in these Cases, are by the superior Force of this Act of Parliament repealed, and made utterly void.

But when the Language of the Act itself comes to be considered, the whole seeming Force of this Objection will, we presume, entirely disappear; the Clause of Limitation in the Seventh and Eighth of WILLIAM III. is in these Words; '*Provided, and be it enacted*, 'That no *Quaker*, or reputed *Quaker*, shall by virtue of this Act be qualified, or permitted 'to give Evidence in any Criminal Causes, or serve on any Juries, or bear any Office or 'Place of Profit in the Government, any Thing in this Act contained to the contrary in 'any wise notwithstanding.' Upon which we conceive, what Brigadier *Hunter*, Governor, under his Majesty, of the Provinces of *New-York*, and *New-Jersey*, has (in a Case parallel with ours) observed, in his printed Declaration on that Subject, under the Title of *An Answer to what has been offered as Argument against the Validity and Force of an Act of Assembly*, intituled, *An Act that the solemn Affirmation and Declaration of the People called* Quakers, *&c.* passed in the Province of *New-Jersey*, in the thirteenth Year of the Reign of Queen ANNE, to be of such Force as to be worthy our Recital; in which after he has observed in general, in the following Words:

'Into what a woeful Condition must the Plantations be plunged, if such Laws as shall, 'by a Legislature lawfully constituted by virtue of Letters Patent under the Broad Seal, be 'enacted for the good Government and Ease of the Subjects there, shall, by Implication, or 'Construction, be deemed to be repealed, *&c.*' he is pleased to say, 'That Act of Assem-'bly is not, so much as by Implication, repealed; for the Words in that Act, upon which 'they lay the Stress of the Argument, are these [Provided, *That no* Quaker *shall, by virtue* '*of this Act, be qualified*, &c.] Now I know no *Quaker* (continues that Gentleman) that

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To this we may add what has alſo been obſerved on the ſame Subject by the Chief Juſtice of *New-Jerſey*, in his Speech delivered at the Supreme Court in *May* laſt, at *Burlington*, which is alſo printed; wherein he clearly gives his Opinion in Law, very nearly in the ſame Terms the Governor had done before, and then proceeds in theſe Words, *viz.*

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Having thus far ſtated this Point, we ſhould now leave it; but that we are obliged to give the Senſe of this Houſe to that Part of the Governor’s Anſwer to our Reſolves, in which he is pleaſed to ſay, that tho’ he was of Opinion he could not be ſafe in giving any Qualification but an Oath; yet by a *Dedimus* they [*the Officers and Witneſſes*] might have been qualified as the Law directs.

On which we muſt humbly obſerve, that tho’ it be very certain a *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, duly iſſued by the Governor, is no leſs ſufficient in Law for adminiſtring the Qualifications to any Officer, than the Governor’s Act in his own Perſon; which, notwithſtanding, the Governor has not of late, that we know of, condeſcended to, but refuſed to admit ſuch of thoſe, called *Quakers*, as by Virtue of the Proprietary’s Charter to the People were elected to ſerve in certain Offices, until that more remarkable Caſe of the laſt Qualification of the Mayor of *Philadelphia*; yet no ſuch *Dedimus* will anſwer the Exigencies of this Government, ſhould the Governor’s Opinion obtain: For ſhould it be taken for granted, that the Affirmation Act of this Province is actually repealed by the Act of Parliament, then all ſuch Qualifications will be conſtrued illegal, whether given by himſelf or other Perſons impowered by him. And as the Judges of the Supreme Court have rendered their Reaſons to this Houſe for their not proceeding to try the Criminals now in the reſpective Goals of this Province, *viz.* That they cannot think it prudent to proceed by Virtue of the Governor’s Commiſſion to them, in Oppoſition to his Opinion, in ſo tender a Point as the Lives of his Majeſty’s Subjects: So all others muſt be diſcouraged in Caſes of ſuch vaſt Conſequence; for no *Dedimus* will make that Act ſufficient that is in itſelf illegal.

It has by this Time, we hope, clearly appeared, from what has been offered, That this Opinion of the Governor’s is (with Submiſſion) neither founded on Law or Reaſon; but from hence we cannot but deſire the Governor may be induced more ſeriouſly and maturely to conſider how unaccountable and aſtoniſhing it muſt appear to Mankind, that while ſuch a Perſon as Governor *Hunter*, who holds his Commiſſions directly from the Crown, is accountable to no other Principal, nor under Obligations to any called a *Quaker*, as a Superior, has thought it neceſſary, in the Diſcharge of his Truſt, to publiſh his Reaſons in ſuch a Man-

a Manner for removing Mistakes, and allaying the Disturbances from thence fomented; at the same Time, tho' such an Example be set to us at no greater Distance than the other Bank of *Delaware*, our Proprietary *William Penn*'s Lieutenant, in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, should be drawn into Measures so injurious, not only to the Interest of his Principal, from whom he derives his Power, but to the very Being of the Constitution over which he is intrusted to preside: We heartily wish we could by any Construction find other Causes, to which these Procedures might be imputed, than a form'd Design; but we are justly alarmed at some other late Proceedings of the Governor, which, as they have naturally fallen under our Notice, we think ourselves also obliged in Duty to represent: 1716: 9th Mo. 3.

When the House had chosen their Speaker, and the Governor without any Objection approved their Choice, they proceeded to take the usual Qualifications, as the Law in that Case directs; but upon the Rumours that had been spread of Persons disaffected to his present Majesty, that this House might give the utmost Expressions they could of their Loyalty, they, by a Message to the Governor, requested to know, if besides what they had taken as usual, the Governor had any Directions from *Great-Britain*, or any further Qualification to offer to the House; to which he was pleased to answer, he had not; the House notwithstanding, resolving to neglect no Part of their Duty, but to give all the Assurances of their Loyalty in their Power, thought fit unanimously to take and subscribe the Test, called, *The Abjuration*, every One in the Way prescribed to them by the several Acts of Parliament, according to their religious Perswasions, and then proceeded to the Business before them.

But being informed that the Governor had, at divers Times, and to sundry Persons, charged the present Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, now Speaker of the House, as a Person disaffected to his Majesty King GEORGE; and that he further alledged, the only Cause of Difference betwixt him and the said Mayor, was, because the Governor would not agree to proclaim the Pretender, or Words to the same Effect; the House conceived themselves obliged, in Duty to his said Majesty, to enquire into the Grounds of this heinous Charge, that in case there should be any found, they might purge themselves of the Scandal.

Accordingly having in a Committee of the whole House taken full Proofs, that the Governor had so charged the Speaker; and finding by the same Evidence, that he had in the same Manner also charged *James Logan*, Secretary of the Province, they, by a Message, desired of the Governor, that he would be pleased to lay before the House his Grounds for those Accusations; but he returned no other Answer, than that he thought himself not obliged to render any Reasons to the House for his Accusation, but would do it at the Board at Home; and the Members sent on the Message, could not persuade him to give any Reasons here.

The House hereupon judged it still the more incumbent on them to enquire fully into this Matter; and accordingly they, by a written Message, informed the Governor, 'That 'being under a deep Concern on all Occasions, to shew their Loyalty as faithful Subjects to 'King GEORGE, they could by no Means think themselves discharged of their Duty, 'without further Enquiry into the Truth of the Report, which they had received 'and acquainted the Governor with, which affected their Speaker, and another Per-'son bearing considerable Offices and Trusts in this Government; and finding the Gover-'nor's Answer to the last Message concerning the same not satisfactory, they further ac-'quainted him, that the House intended immediately to resolve into a Committee, in or-'der to enquire into that Matter, and that the said Committee would be desirous to receive 'from the Governor, or any other Person, any Information concerning the same, in order 'to proceed to the Extent of what is their Duty, and purge the House of any Member 'or Members thereof that may appear, or shall be found guilty of Disloyalty to the King, 'or Disaffection to his Government, under which the House unanimously declared them-'selves extremely happy, and well satisfied.

But the Governor, tho' another Message was sent to him to crave his Answer, could not be prevailed on to give any, but that he had nothing to lay before them; the House notwithstanding, while formed into a Committee for that Purpose, proceeded to make the utmost Enquiries in their Power, but could not find the least Ground to suspect the Persons charged, or to believe the Accusations against them had any Manner of Foundation.

Now what Sentiments can be formed of such a Conduct, in a Person acting in so exalted a Station, the House must acknowledge themselves to be at a Loss to determine! But the House would consider it as no small Happiness to the whole Province, could they be assured that the Governor had no Design, by his Representations to any Board at Home, to raise a Merit to himself on the Ruin of others; who, could they be heard there, and fully known, might be found as faithful and loyal, in their Stations, to the present Establishment and Succession, as any of the King's Subjects whatsoever: Had the Governor believed the Speaker to be such a Person as he has thought fit to render him, it was doubtless incumbent on the Governor to except against him, when first presented by the House in that Station; or had he suspected either the Speaker, or any other Member, to be disaffected to the King, it might no

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'This Act of Parliament of *Great-Britain* is an Enlargement of the *Quakers* Privilege to 'what it never was before; it makes that perpetual to them in *England* which before was 'temporary and expired, or near expiring, by its own Limitation; carries the ſame into that 'Part of *Great-Britain* called *Scotland*, where it was not before, and makes it perpetual 'there; and into the Plantations generally for five Years. This does no way hinder but that, 'by Virtue of the Act of Aſſembly of this Province (which is a Municipal Law thereof) 'the *Quakers*, or reputed *Quakers*, are qualified to be of Juries and Evidence, and bear Of- 'fices of Truſt and Profit in the Government; nor but that they may be ſo qualified here- 'after by any other Law hereafter to be made for that or the like Purpoſe, although by Vir- 'tue of that Act of Parliament they are not ſo qualified.'

Having thus far ſtated this Point, we ſhould now leave it; but that we are obliged to give the Senſe of this Houſe to that Part of the Governor's Anſwer to our Reſolves, in which he is pleaſed to ſay, that tho' he was of Opinion he could not be ſafe in giving any Qualification but an Oath; yet by a *Dedimus* they [*the Officers and Witneſſes*] might have been qualified as the Law directs.

On which we muſt humbly obſerve, that tho' it be very certain a *Dedimus Poteſtatem*, duly iſſued by the Governor, is no leſs ſufficient in Law for adminiſtring the Qualifications to any Officer, than the Governor's Act in his own Perſon; which, notwithſtanding, the Governor has not of late, that we know of, condeſcended to, but refuſed to admit ſuch of thoſe, called *Quakers*, as by Virtue of the Proprietary's Charter to the People were elected to ſerve in certain Offices, until that more remarkable Caſe of the laſt Qualification of the Mayor of *Philadelphia*; yet no ſuch *Dedimus* will anſwer the Exigencies of this Government, ſhould the Governor's Opinion obtain: For ſhould it be taken for granted, that the Affirmation Act of this Province is actually repealed by the Act of Parliament, then all ſuch Qualifications will be conſtrued illegal, whether given by himſelf or other Perſons impowered by him. And as the Judges of the Supreme Court have rendered their Reaſons to this Houſe for their not proceeding to try the Criminals now in the reſpective Goals of this Province, *viz.* That they cannot think it prudent to proceed by Virtue of the Governor's Commiſſion to them, in Oppoſition to his Opinion, in ſo tender a Point as the Lives of his Majeſty's Subjects: So all others muſt be diſcouraged in Caſes of ſuch vaſt Conſequence; for no *Dedimus* will make that Act ſufficient that is in itſelf illegal.

It has by this Time, we hope, clearly appeared, from what has been offered, That this Opinion of the Governor's is (with Submiſſion) neither founded on Law or Reaſon; but from hence we cannot but deſire the Governor may be induced more ſeriouſly and maturely to conſider how unaccountable and aſtoniſhing it muſt appear to Mankind, that while ſuch a Perſon as Governor *Hunter*, who holds his Commiſſions directly from the Crown, is accountable to no other Principal, nor under Obligations to any called a *Quaker*, as a Superior, has thought it neceſſary, in the Diſcharge of his Truſt, to publiſh his Reaſons in ſuch a Man-

a Manner for removing Mistakes, and allaying the Disturbances from thence fomented; at the same Time, tho' such an Example be set to us at no greater Distance than the other Bank of *Delaware*, our Proprietary *William Penn*'s Lieutenant, in the Province of *Pennsylvania*, should be drawn into Measures so injurious, not only to the Interest of his Principal, from whom he derives his Power, but to the very Being of the Constitution over which he is intrusted to preside: We heartily wish we could by any Construction find other Causes, to which these Procedures might be imputed, than a form'd Design; but we are justly alarmed at some other late Proceedings of the Governor, which, as they have naturally fallen under our Notice, we think ourselves also obliged in Duty to represent: 1716: 9th Mo. 3.

When the House had chosen their Speaker, and the Governor without any Objection approved their Choice, they proceeded to take the usual Qualifications, as the Law in that Case directs; but upon the Rumours that had been spread of Persons disaffected to his present Majesty, that this House might give the utmost Expressions they could of their Loyalty, they, by a Message to the Governor, requested to know, if besides what they had taken as usual, the Governor had any Directions from *Great-Britain*, or any further Qualification to offer to the House; to which he was pleased to answer, he had not; the House notwithstanding, resolving to neglect no Part of their Duty, but to give all the Assurances of their Loyalty in their Power, thought fit unanimously to take and subscribe the Test, called, *The Abjuration*, every One in the Way prescribed to them by the several Acts of Parliament, according to their religious Perswasions, and then proceeded to the Business before them.

But being informed that the Governor had, at divers Times, and to sundry Persons, charged the present Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, now Speaker of the House, as a Person disaffected to his Majesty King GEORGE; and that he further alledged, the only Cause of Difference betwixt him and the said Mayor, was, because the Governor would not agree to proclaim the Pretender, or Words to the same Effect; the House conceived themselves obliged, in Duty to his said Majesty, to enquire into the Grounds of this heinous Charge, that in case there should be any found, they might purge themselves of the Scandal.

Accordingly having in a Committee of the whole House taken full Proofs, that the Governor had so charged the Speaker; and finding by the same Evidence, that he had in the same Manner also charged *James Logan*, Secretary of the Province, they, by a Message, desired of the Governor, that he would be pleased to lay before the House his Grounds for those Accusations; but he returned no other Answer, than that he thought himself not obliged to render any Reasons to the House for his Accusation, but would do it at the Board at Home; and the Members sent on the Message, could not persuade him to give any Reasons here.

The House hereupon judged it still the more incumbent on them to enquire fully into this Matter; and accordingly they, by a written Message, informed the Governor, 'That 'being under a deep Concern on all Occasions, to shew their Loyalty as faithful Subjects to 'King GEORGE, they could by no Means think themselves discharged of their Duty, 'without further Enquiry into the Truth of the Report, which they had received 'and acquainted the Governor with, which affected their Speaker, and another Per'son bearing considerable Offices and Trusts in this Government; and finding the Gover'nor's Answer to the last Message concerning the same not satisfactory, they further ac'quainted him, that the House intended immediately to resolve into a Committee, in or'der to enquire into that Matter, and that the said Committee would be desirous to receive 'from the Governor, or any other Person, any Information concerning the same, in order 'to proceed to the Extent of what is their Duty, and purge the House of any Member 'or Members thereof that may appear, or shall be found guilty of Disloyalty to the King, 'or Disaffection to his Government, under which the House unanimously declared them'selves extremely happy, and well satisfied.

But the Governor, tho' another Message was sent to him to crave his Answer, could not be prevailed on to give any, but that he had nothing to lay before them; the House notwithstanding, while formed into a Committee for that Purpose, proceeded to make the utmost Enquiries in their Power, but could not find the least Ground to suspect the Persons charged, or to believe the Accusations against them had any Manner of Foundation.

Now what Sentiments can be formed of such a Conduct, in a Person acting in so exalted a Station, the House must acknowledge themselves to be at a Loss to determine! But the House would consider it as no small Happiness to the whole Province, could they be assured that the Governor had no Design, by his Representations to any Board at Home, to raise a Merit to himself on the Ruin of others; who, could they be heard there, and fully known, might be found as faithful and loyal, in their Stations, to the present Establishment and Succession, as any of the King's Subjects whatsoever: Had the Governor believed the Speaker to be such a Person as he has thought fit to render him, it was doubtless incumbent on the Governor to except against him, when first presented by the House in that Station; or had he suspected either the Speaker, or any other Member, to be disaffected to the King, it might no

1716. 9th Mo. 3. leſs be expected that he ſhould have recommended to the Houſe the further Qualification of the Abjuration, as a Teſt to them: But if the Speaker of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of *Pennſylvania*, and others acting in great Truſts, are to be rendered to the Miniſtry, or to any Board, as Perſons ſo notoriouſly diſaffected as the Governor's Charges imply, and this without the leaſt Proof offered here, tho' ſo importunately and yet dutifully ſollicited; it will force all thinking Perſons on Apprehenſions, that there is more intended by it than can ſafely be acknowledged here, where Things and Perſons are better known than can poſſibly be at ſuch a Diſtance as the other Side of the Ocean.

Having proceeded to ſuch a Length on theſe two important Subjects, we ſhould now chooſe to bring this Repreſentation to a Period, but that the Governor's written Anſwer to another Meſſage from the Houſe exacts our Notice, in which he is pleaſed to ſay, 'That he is given to underſtand (for which he thinks fit to quote the Language of former 'Aſſemblies, and ſome of the Council) that this Houſe did not deſign to make Laws, nor 'raiſe any Money this Seſſion, but upon Terms inconſiſtent with the Governor's Duty and 'Safety to comply with.' To which, the juſteſt Reply we can at preſent return, is, that this Houſe came together with no other Views than to diſcharge their Duty, in all Reſpects, to the beſt of their Skill and Power; and they have nothing to crave of the Governor but what, they firmly believe, is not only his Duty, but for his Honour and Safety to grant them: They would willingly have proceeded to enquire what further Laws may be neceſſary for the Well-being of the Province in general, the Governor having told us in his Speech, 'That if we ſhould have any other Bills to offer, that might be for the Intereſt 'and Tranquility of the People, he ſhould be ready to paſs them, and promiſed himſelf 'that we would make a Return ſuitable to their Circumſtances, and the Advantages they 'will receive by them.' But in his next written Meſſage he informed the Houſe, 'That 'he diſagreed from both the Council and Aſſembly in his Opinion upon a Point of ſuch 'Importance to the Security as well as Tranquility of the People, that no other Bill of 'ours can be of more to us;' the Purport of which was, that he declared (in Oppoſition to both Council and Aſſembly) that one of the laſt Laws he himſelf had paſſed, which moſt nearly affected us, was void, and this by Conſtruction only; we could not therefore find any Encouragement from the Governor's Propoſals to us, to think any other Bill we could offer was worth the ſolliciting, and much leſs deſerving a further Conſideration.

To this we muſt not omit adding, that we find Judgment was given againſt one *Hugh Lowdon*, at the Court of Common Pleas in *September* laſt; whereupon the ſaid *Hugh Lowdon*, giving Way to the greateſt Reſentment and Rage, vowed Revenge, at the utmoſt Hazards, againſt the aforeſaid Speaker and Secretary (being two of the Juſtices of that Court) and having furniſhed himſelf with Piſtols, way-laid them at their Doors, and meeting the Speaker the ſame Night, he preſented at him a Piſtol loaden with Bullets, altho' by the over-ruling Hand of Providence no further Miſchief enſued; as this Attempt could not but raiſe a Horror in the Hearts of all good Men, we find the ſaid *Lowdon* was bound over to the Court, now ſitting, and Indictments were found againſt him for the ſame; at which the Governor, inſtead of protecting the Magiſtrates in the Diſcharge of their Truſt, has now thought fit to grant *Noli Proſequi's* in the ſaid *Lowdon*'s Favour; in the ſame Manner he had formerly done for one *Francis Philips* (that Scandal to his Order) when indicted and proſecuted for notorious Crimes, after all the neighbouring Clergy had diſowned him. Which Proceedings, as they render the Adminiſtration contemptible, ſo we alſo juſtly fear they will encourage ill minded Men to the ſame Attempts, in hopes of the like Favour.

But, to ſum up the whole, we can truly ſay, we are extremely troubled that we cannot enjoy the ſame Happineſs, that moſt of our Neighbours reſpectively do, of ſeeing our Governor take ſuch Meaſures as ſhould by an agreeable Force ſway the Peoples Inclinations to render him eaſy in all Reſpects; which can be effected by no Means ſo powerfully as firſt rendering them eaſy in the Enjoyment of thoſe Privileges which they have an undoubted Right to: And we are but too well aſſured, that the only Cauſe of a Failure herein is the Governor's Miſtake, ſince the Proprietary's Indiſpoſition, in the Choice of his Adviſers; who, whatever Views they may at preſent form, will, at length, be found the ſole Occaſion of all the Diſappointments that may fall to the Governor's Portion; for, even tho' acting by a Commiſſion immediately from the Crown, he would have the ſame injured People to deal with.

And as a further Confirmation of our Opinion contained in this Repreſentation, we offer the following Law Caſes to the Governor's Conſideration.

It is evident, that the Proviſo in the ſaid Act of the Seventh and Eighth of King WILLIAM is diſpenſed with, and the ſolemn Affirmation extended to qualify thoſe People in theſe Plantations, which could not be qualified after that Manner in *Great-Britain*: So that the extending Clauſe in the ſaid Act of the Firſt of King GEORGE, being in the Affirmative, and to be taken accordingly to the true Intent of the Makers, cannot alter a former Power, nor aboliſh our Affirmation Acts, founded upon the King's Charter and Prerogative Royal. And it is abſurd to imagine, that becauſe the Statute of the Firſt of this Reign is in the Affirmative, it implies a Negative, which excludes the King's Prerogative, or our charte-

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ral Rights; for the Law is otherwise, as appears by Authorities and Resolutions in Cases of that Nature; as in Doctor *Birch*'s Case, reported by *Shower*, and *Fourth Modern*, it is adjudged that the King's Prerogative is Part of the Law of the Kingdom, and the Law is the Judge and Measure of Right and Wrong; that Acts of Parliament have received particular Interpretations to avoid a particular Prejudice; but no Case can be shewn where the Words of an Act of Parliament have been enlarged to make a Construction to bar or overthrow that which the Makers never thought of or intended to meddle with. 1716. 9th Mo. 3.

The Words of the said Proviso in the Seventh and Eighth are, That no *Quaker*, or reputed *Quaker*, shall, by Virtue of this Act, be qualified, *&c.* which makes it evident, that by those express Words, *viz.* [*by Virtue of this Act*] the Proviso extends to none that are to be qualified by any other Act or Power: As in Doctor *Foster*'s Case in the *Eleventh Report*, it is adjudged, that when the negative Clause in the Act Third JACOBI, *viz.* That no Person shall be charged for his Wife's Offence, *&c.* doth not extend to a Feme Covert to be charged, either upon the Statute of the Thirty-fifth of ELIZABETH at the Queen's Suit, or upon the Act of the Twenty-third of ELIZABETH at the Informer's Suit; for the Words are expressly penn'd, 'That no Person shall be charged for his Wife's Offence by Virtue of 'this Act,' *viz.* the Act Third JACOBI.

The Statute of Thirty-second of HENRY VIII. of Wills, is adjudged to be in the Affirmative, and so doth not take away a Custom of devising Lands; and yet the Clause which gives Power to devise Lands concludes with these Words, *viz.* 'Any Law, Statute, Custom, 'or other Thing heretofore had, made, or used to the contrary notwithstanding.'

In the Case of *Blankard* and *Gunday*, in the King's Bench, on a Bond given by the Defendant for a yearly Sum reserved by the Plaintiff, being Provost Marshall of *Jamaica*, upon a Deputation of that Office, the Defendant pleaded the Statute of EDWARD VI. made against buying and selling of Offices, *&c.* in which Case it was held, that *Jamaica* was not governed by the Laws of *England*: And further, that in *Barbados* all Freeholds are subject to Debts, and are esteemed as Chattels till the Creditors are satisfied, and then the Lands descend to the Heir. But the Law is otherwise in *England*; which shews, that tho' *Barbados* is Parcel of the Possessions of *England*, yet it is not govern'd by the Laws made in *England*, but by their own particular Laws and Customs; and for these Reasons Judgment was given for the Plaintiff.

In the Case of *Wey* and *Yally*, in Debt for Rent upon a Demise of Lands in *Jamaica*, brought in *London*, &c. it was adjudged that, upon *Nil debet* pleaded, the Defendant might give the Law of that Country in Evidence; and this (as the Chief Justice said) we see every Day done before Committees of Appeals from thence. And Justice *Powell* remembered, That an Action of false Imprisonment had been brought at *Westminster* against a Governor of *Jamaica*, for an Imprisonment in *Jamaica*, and the Laws of that Country given in Evidence: By all which it appears, that the Municipal Laws of the King's Plantations are taken notice of by the Judges and Committees of Appeals in *England*, and allowed to be effectual in Law, tho' they differ from the Laws there.

And it is adjudged in the *Fifth Report*, Sixty-three, that a Bye-law or Ordinance, made in Corporations, may be put in Execution without any other Allowance, notwithstanding the Statute of the Nineteenth of HENRY VII. by which it is enacted, That no Masters, *&c.* of Crafts or Mysteries, nor Rulers of Guilds or Fraternities, take upon them to make any Acts or Ordinances, neither to execute any Acts or Ordinances by them heretofore made, in Disheritance or Diminution of the Prerogative of the King, nor of others, nor against the common Profit of the People; but that the same Acts or Ordinances be examined or approved by the Chancellor, Treasurer of *England*, or Chief Justice of either Benches, or three of them, or before both the Justices of Assizes in their Circuit or Progress in that Shire where such Acts or Ordinances be made, upon Pain of Forfeiture of *Forty Pounds* for every Time that they do contrary.

We do not find by the First of King GEORGE, that his Majesty's Power of approving the Forms of Affirmations, prescribed by our Laws, is in the least abridged; for the King may dispense with the Statute of the Ninth of EDWARD II. which directs the Meeting of the Treasurer, Judges and Barons, for pricking Sheriffs; because it takes not away the King's Power to make, but only directs a Form. See *Hub.* 214. And tho' the Statute of the Twenty-fifth of HENRY VIII. Chap. 21, says, That all Dispensations, *&c.* shall be granted in Manner following, and not otherwise; yet the King is not thereby restrained, but his Power remains full and perfect as before, and he may still grant them as King; for all Acts of Justice and Grace flow from him; as *Dyer*, 211. The Commission for Trial of Piracy upon the Statute of the Twenty-eighth of HENRY VIII. Chap. 13, is good, tho' the Chancellor do not nominate the Commissioners as that Statute appoints, and yet it is a a new Law.

Resolved, That the Speaker sign the said Representation; and the same was accordingly signed in the House.

Ordered,

1716. *Ordered*, That *William Trent*, *David Lloyd*, *John Swift*, and *Benjamin Vining*, with the Speaker, or ſo many of them as can attend, do deliver the ſame to the Governor.

9th Mo. 3. *Ordered*, That the Speaker ſign a Duplicate of the ſaid Repreſentation, and that he, and *Iſaac Norris*, do tranſmit the ſame to the Proprietary, or ſuch other Perſons in *Great-Britain*, as they ſhall think fit to aſſiſt them there, in order to make the proper Uſes thereof for the general Benefit and Service of the Inhabitants of this Province; and that the ſaid Members report their Negotiation of this Affair to the Aſſembly for the Time being.

Reſolved, That the Votes, Proceedings, and Repreſentation of this Houſe, be ſigned by the Speaker, and publiſhed; and that a fair Copy of the ſame be lodged in the moſt publick Place for publick View, as the Members of each reſpective County ſhall think fit; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Thirty-firſt of *December* next.

Adjournment.

10th Mo. 31. THE Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

A Meſſage was ſent to the Governor by *Thomas Maſters*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and have adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Sheriff of the County of *Bucks* ſent in a Return of *Samuel Beeks*, and *John Hall*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly in the Room of *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *James Carter*, who refuſed to attend the Service; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1716-17. 11th Mo. 1. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Thomas Maſters, and *William Fiſhbourn*, report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor made Anſwer, that if the Houſe had any Thing to lay before him, he would be at Home.

The Speaker reports, that he, with the Members appointed, delivered the Repreſentation of the Aſſembly to the Governor; and that Copies of the ſame, together with the Votes and Proceedings of this Houſe, were ſent to each County of this Province, and another Copy of the ſame remitted to *England*, according to Order.

Samuel Beeks, and *John Hall*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, in the Room of *Thomas Stackhouſe*, and *James Carter*, appeared, ſubſcribed the Qualifications and Abjurations preſcribed by Law, and took their Places in the Houſe.

A Meſſage was ſent to the Governor by *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Clement Plumſted*, to acquaint him, that conſidering the Houſe have not received any Account of the Laws tranſmitted to *England*, they are inclined to adjourn till the Eighteenth of *March* next, unleſs the Governor has any Thing relating thereto to lay before them.

George Roach, a Member for the City of *Philadelphia*, being gone to Sea, and not likely to return in Time to attend the Service of this Aſſembly,

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue his Order to the Secretary of this Province for electing a new Member for the ſaid City in his Stead; which was done accordingly.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor approved of the ſaid propoſed Adjournment.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue his Order to the Sheriff of *Cheſter*, to make Return forthwith of the Writ to him directed for the Election of a Member in the Room of *John Blunſton*, junior, deceaſed, purſuant to Law; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Eighteenth of *March* next.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 18. THE Houſe met purſuant to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *David Harry*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a Quorum of the Houſe met, according to Adjournment.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who ſaid, that he would endeavour to get a Council together in the Morning, in order to conſider what ſhall be proper to lay before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 19. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *John Worrall*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are met; and conſidering the Seaſon of the Year, are inclined to adjourn, unleſs the Governor has ſomething to lay before them at this Juncture.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and brought from the Governor a Meſſage in Writing, directed to the Houſe, which was read in the Houſe, and is as follows.

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GENTLEMEN,

'I AM very glad of this Opportunity of meeting the Representatives of the People, that I may take my Leave of them, for I am well assured I shall soon be superseded; for the little Time then I am to be with you, I shall be ready to do the Country all the Service I can. 1716-17. *1st Mo.* 19. Governor's Message.

'I must therefore once more recommend to your Consideration what I laid before the Assembly of last Year, and what I have mentioned sometimes to you.

'You may be now your own Carvers, and you will not think me unreasonable in my Expectations when I tell you, that as the first Assembly I met with had a Regard to the Charge of my coming over, so you Gentlemen, who are to be the last, will, I hope, in some Measure provide for my going back to seek another Employment.

'I intended to have said more to you on this Subject, but the Thought of what I left, to serve Mr. *Penn* in this Province, the Disappointments I have met with, and the Uncertainty of being provided for at Home, so fill my Mind, that you will excuse me that I say no more.'

Ordered, That *William Fishbourn*, *Jeremiah Langborne*, and *Joseph Pennock*, do inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, and bring in an Estimate of what will remain in Stock of the Publick Revenue, after all the Orders drawn on him are paid, and make Report this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon,

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called a Quorum appeared.

A Petition of *Joseph Antrobus*, Vendue Master, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members appointed to inspect the Treasurer's Accounts, report, that from an Estimate thereof (which they brought into the House, signed by the Treasurer) the Duties outstanding, collected, there may be about *One Hundred Pounds* in Stock.

The House proceeded in the Consideration of the Governor's Message to them this Morning.

A Motion being made, and the Question put, that the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, to be raised by the Produce of the Impost Act, be presented to the Governor? *Resolved in the Negative.*

The Question being put, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, to be raised as above, be presented to the Governor? *Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That an Order be drawn on the Treasurer for Payment of the said *One Hundred Pounds* to the Governor accordingly; which was done, and signed by the Speaker.

Ordered, That *Joseph Kirkbride*, *Joseph Redman*, and *Joseph Pennock*, wait on the Governor with the said Order, and desire his Concurrence thereto; and further to acquaint the Governor, this House inclines to adjourn to the Sixteenth of *May* next.

Ordered, That Candles be brought in, which were brought in accordingly.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message, and the Order, to the Governor; that he thank'd the House for what they had done, yet hop'd it would have been for a greater Sum; desired the House would meet To-morrow Morning, and take a Glass of Wine with him at the House of *David Evans* this Evening; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *1st Mo.* 20.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *John Sotcher*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House is met, and desire to know if he has any Thing further to communicate to them.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; that the Governor desired the House would make up the Sum voted Yesterday *Two Hundred Pounds.*

The House took into Consideration the Governor's Answer to their Message; and being informed that the Treasurer had given the Speaker an Account, that the Produce of the Impost, *&c.* in the Treasurer's Hands, would probably raise the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds.*

The Question being put, whether the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* more, to be raised out of the Produce of the Impost, *&c.* be presented to the Governor to complete the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds? Resolved in the Affirmative.*

Thomas Wilson, Clerk, brought in his Account of Attendance, and Services done for the Assembly this Session, amounting to *Sixteen Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*, which was read, and allowed, and Order issued to the Treasurer for Payment thereof.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue his Warrant to *Samuel Preston*, Esq; to pay to the Honourable CHARLES GOOKIN, Esq; Lieutenant Governor, or his Assigns, the Sum of *Two Hundred Pounds*, out of the Publick Money in his Hands (after all the former Orders of the

1716-17. 1st Mo. 20. Assembly, and the immediate Services of the House, are paid off and discharged) and that the Order for Payment of *One Hundred Pounds* be taken up and cancelled; both which were done accordingly.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *William Fishbourn*, and *John Sotcher*, do wait on the Governor, and present him the said Warrant and Order, signed by the Speaker.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message, and the written Order to the Governor for *Two Hundred Pounds*; and returned the House thanks for the same; and then the House adjourned till the Sixteenth of the *Third Month* next.

Adjournment.

1717. 3d Mo. 16. THE House met pursuant to Adjournment, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joseph Redman*, and *John Sotcher*, do wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that there is a Quorum of the House met according to Adjournment; and desire to know, whether he has any late Advices from *England* to communicate to the House, otherwise that the House is inclined to adjourn until the Eighteenth of *September* next, unless the Governor shall see Cause to call them together sooner.

The said Members return, and report, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; that he made answer, he had nothing further to lay before the House than what he had formerly communicated to them; and that he was willing to do any Thing in his Power to serve the Country, and had no Objection against the proposed Day of Adjournment; and then the House adjourned till the Eighteenth of *September* next, unless the Governor shall see Cause to call them together sooner.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 19. Sir WILLIAM KEITH, Bart. Governor. THE House met according to the Governor's Summons, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumsted*, *David Harry*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the House is met, according to Summons, and it being late, have adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock, at which Time they should be ready to receive what the Governor may have to lay before them; and then the House adjourned till To-morrow Morning at Ten a Clock.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 20. The House met, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, they delivered their Message according to Order.

Robert Asheton, a Member of Council, on a Message from the Governor, acquaints this House, that the Governor is in Council, and requires the immediate Attendance of the House.

Whereupon the Speaker, with the whole House, went to wait on the Governor.

The House being returned, the Speaker reports, that the Governor was pleased to make a Speech, a Copy whereof he had obtained in Writing, which was read, and is as followeth.

Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

'BEING informed upon my Arrival here, that the Season of Harvest, then at Hand, 'could not well permit you to meet me in your representative Capacity until that busy 'Time be over, I did, out of a tender regard to your Interests, then delay the Satisfaction 'I still proposed to myself in meeting with this present Assembly, and I will always endea- 'vour to make the Time you must necessarily bestow on the Publick Service as easy and 'pleasant to yourselves, as I hope it will be profitable and satisfactory to the Country in the 'general.

'If an affectionate Desire to oblige and serve the People of this Province can qualify me 'in their good Opinions for the Station wherein I am now placed, I may then expect that 'the Country's and the Governor's Interest will be so effectually established upon one Bot- 'tom, as that he who truly wishes well to either, cannot but find himself engaged to serve 'both; and you yourselves may easily infer the Warmth of my Inclinations towards the Ser- 'vice and Prosperity of this Country,

'First, from the expensive Application last Year, by which I carefully introduced to his 'Royal Highness the Prince of *Wales*, then Regent, the humble Address of the Assembly 'of this Province to the King, in such Manner as freely to obtain his Royal Highness's most 'gracious Assurance, that the People called *Quakers* were a Body of loyal Subjects, for 'whom the King had a great Regard; that his Highness was sorry the King was not then 'present to have received so good an Address himself; but that the *Quakers* might at all 'Times depend on his Highness's Good-will, to serve them in any Thing they had to ask of 'his Royal Father.

'Then the Diligence wherewith I obtained, at a considerable Charge, the Commission of 'Governor, without any other certain Prospect or Advantage but only that I should be there- 'by enabled more effectually to serve you.

'And

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'And laſtly, by the great Fatigue I have undergone ſince my Arrival here, that no Opportunity might be ſlipt to incourage Virtue, and promote the general Good of your Country; but theſe Conſiderations are Trifles compared with the indiſpenſible Obligation that is of Neceſſity upon you, to ſupport the Dignity and Authority of this Government, by ſuch a reaſonable and diſcreet Eſtabliſhment as the Nature of the Thing and your own Generoſity will direct.

'And whatſoever you ſhall think fit to do in that Kind, pray let it no longer bear the undeſerved and reproachful Name of a Burden upon the People, but rather let your Governor be enabled to relieve the Country from real Burdens, by putting it in his Power to direct a better Oeconomy and more frugal Management of ſuch Taxes as would anſwer the Uſes for which they are intended, if not ſquandered by the bare-fac'd Partiality and unprofitable Expence of the Officers appointed to aſſeſs and collect the ſame.

'Gentlemen, I doubt not but you will take the firſt Opportunity, under a new Adminiſtration, to examine the State of your Laws, in order to revive ſome that are obſolete or expired, and to make ſuch Alterations and Additions as ſhall be found neceſſary for perfecting the Conſtitution and good Order of Government in this Province.

'For that End I am, on my Part, ready to concur with you in every Thing which you can poſſibly deſire or expect from a Governor, who conſcientiouſly intends to obſerve, and ſteadily reſolves to purſue, the Duty of his Office.'

Ordered, That the ſaid Speech be again read; which was done accordingly; and after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will go upon the further Conſideration thereof this Afternoon; and all the Members are deſired to give their Attendance.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, call upon the Treaſurer, and let him know that the Houſe requires his Attendance, with the publick Accounts of this Province, this Afternoon at Four a Clock; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *Poſt Meridiem.*

William Fiſhbourn, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, the Members appointed to call upon the Treaſurer, report, that they have been with the Treaſurer, and acquainted him with the Order of the Houſe, and that the Treaſurer's Anſwer is, He will perfect the Provincial Accounts with all poſſible Speed, and lay them before the Houſe.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn* acquaint *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* to lay his Account before the Houſe.

William Fiſhbourn reports, that he hath been to ſpeak with the Collector, *Owen Roberts*, purſuant to the Order of the Houſe, and that he was informed the ſaid Collector was gone to ſettle his Account with the Treaſurer.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn* acquaint the Treaſurer, and alſo the Collector, that the Houſe expects they ſhould reſpectively attend the Houſe with their Accounts To-morrow Morning, at Ten a Clock preciſely.

Then the Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, went upon the further Conſideration of the Subject Matter contained in the Governor's Speech; and a Motion being made, that the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Lieutenant-Governor, WILLIAM KEITH, towards the Support of this Government, to be paid out of the publick Stock thereof, as the ſame ſhall come to the Provincial Treaſurer's Hands? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, N. C. D. That *One Penny per Pound*, Land Tax, and *Four Shillings per* Head, be raiſed upon the Inhabitants of this Province, and paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer, in order to make up what may come into the Treaſury by virtue of the Impoſt Act, or otherwiſe, a Sum ſufficient to pay the aforeſaid Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Lieutenant-Governor.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Clement Plumſted*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in a Bill for raiſing the Sum of *One Penny per Pound*, and *Four Shillings per* Head, and for appropriating the ſaid Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds*, to be paid to the Lieutenant-Governor, WILLIAM KEITH, and that the ſame be laid before the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned until Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. 6th Mo. 21.

William Fiſhbourn, the Member appointed to ſpeak to the Treaſurer, and Collector, to attend this Houſe with their reſpective Accounts this Day, reports, that he hath been to ſpeak with the Treaſurer, and is informed that the Treaſurer is out of Town (his Books of Accounts being with him) and that the Collector now attends this Houſe.

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1717. 6th Mo. 21. *David Lloyd*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Clement Plumſted*, the Committee appointed to prepare and bring in a Bill for raiſing *One Penny per Pound*, Land Tax, and *Four Shillings per* Head, brought in the ſame, which was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning.

A Bill prepared by a former Aſſembly, intituled, *A Supplementary Act for the better regulating the Elections of Sheriffs and Coroners*, was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *David Harry*, be a Committee to prepare and bring in an Addreſs to be preſented to the preſent Lieutenant-Governor, in Anſwer to his Speech.

Ordered, That the Speaker, with *William Fiſhbourn*, *William Trent*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Joſeph Redman*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *John Sotcher*, *John Hall*, *Henry Hayes*, *John Maries*, and *John Worrall*, be a Committee to receive and examine the publick Accounts depending with the Provincial Treaſurer, and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* this Afternoon, and that they report the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn* acquaint the ſaid Treaſurer, and Collector, that it is the Order of this Houſe, that they attend the Committee with their reſpective Accounts this Afternoon at Three a Clock; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 22. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

William Fiſhbourn, from the Committee to examine the Treaſurer's and Collector's Accounts, reports, that according to the State of the Treaſurer's Accounts, the Ballance due to him is *Three Hundred Eighty-five Pounds, Eleven Shillings and One Penny*; but by the Collector's Account there remains upwards of *Four Hundred Pounds* in his Hands, for which he has not accounted with the Treaſurer, beſides the Importation of this Summer ſince *February* laſt, which not yet being out of Time, cannot be reduced to any Certainty at preſent.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating and electing of Sheriffs and Coroners*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Reſolved, That the ſame Method be uſed for electing Aſſeſſors in the reſpective Counties of this Province, and that the ſaid Bill be altered accordingly, and intituled, *An Act for the better regulating of Elections of Sheriffs, Coroners, and Aſſeſſors*; and that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill, to add a Clauſe, directing the City of *Philadelphia* to chooſe their Aſſeſſors at the ſame Time their two Members are choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly, by inſerting the Names of ſix Perſons in the ſame Paper for that Purpoſe, as by the ſaid Bill is directed for the reſpective Counties.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing* One Penny per Pound, *and* Four Shillings per *Head*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Reſolved, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee for the ſaid Bill, to make the Perſons chargeable with the Head-money, where the Freemen reſpectively reſide.

On the Reading of a Letter from *Thomas Wilſon*, Clerk of this Houſe, ſetting forth his great Indiſpoſition, which hindered his Attendance, and deſiring the Favour of the Houſe to excuſe his Abſence;

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of *Ten Pounds* to the ſaid *Thomas Wilſon*, for his preſent Supply, and that if he recover, he ſhall be accountable to the Aſſembly for the Time being for the ſame; which was done accordingly.

David Lloyd, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Benjamin Vining*, are continued a Committee to amend the aforeſaid Bills, according to the Inſtructions of this Houſe thereupon, and bring in the ſame this Afternoon.

Jonathan Dickinſon from the Committee appointed to prepare the Addreſs to the Governor, reports, they have not quite finiſhed the ſame, but deſire a little further Time.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Committee bring in the ſaid Addreſs this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Five a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Petition of *Rowland Perry*, Inhabitant of this Province, deſiring his Bond, given to the Officer for the Duty of two *Negroes*, might be cancelled; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Iſaac Norris, and the Committee appointed to prepare the Addreſs to the Governor, brought in the ſame, which was read in its Place; and, after ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and is as follows, *viz.*

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The ADDRESS of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in Aſſembly met, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the Twentieth Inſtant. *6th Mo.* 22.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

WE gladly embrace this (firſt) Opportunity to congratulate the Governor's happy and ſafe Arrival to us, with an Eye to that good Providence which preſerved him and his Family from Pirates, who at that Time much infeſted our Coaſt; ſome of whom (as we are informed) waited with Hopes of his falling into their Hands.

This Houſe, maturely conſidering the Governor's Speech, find ourſelves obliged, in Duty, to make grateful acknowledgments for the Governor's tender Regards to the Intereſt of the Publick.

The Governor's affectionate Deſire to oblige and ſerve the People of this Province doth, and ſhall, meet with dutiful Returns in all Matters that come before us; and this Houſe will contribute all in their Power to preſerve the Intereſt of the Governor and People upon one Bottom.

And as we muſt acknowledge the People of this Province to ſtand highly obliged by the Governor's Application and Care in preſenting to the Prince, then Regent, the humble Addreſs of the Aſſembly of this Province, ſo we gladly take this Occaſion to confeſs the Warmth of our Hearts in Loyalty, Duty and Affection, to the King and Royal Family, and entreat the Governor, upon all Occaſions, as he may have Opportunity, ſo to repreſent us.

We cannot but expreſs the Pleaſure and great Satisfaction of this Houſe, in that the Proprietary hath been pleaſed to place, and his Majeſty to approve of, ſo worthy a Gentleman in Commiſſion over us; and hope our Behaviour, and that of all the People of this Province, will always be ſuch as may preſerve the good Inclinations of the Governor to ſerve the Country, an Inſtance whereof we have in the fatiguing Journies he hath taken in the late hot Seaſon to promote the Good of thoſe under his Government.

As the Governor was pleaſed to defer calling us for the Sake of Harveſt, ſo we crave Leave to obſerve to him, that Seed Time being juſt at Hand, will be great Inconveniency to many of the Members to ſtay long at this Seaſon, ſo that we do not undertake at this Sitting to enter upon an Examination of our Laws, or any Buſineſs that will require Length of Time, but depending upon the Governor's Reſolves and good Intentions to oblige the People, by concurring with any Thing they can reaſonably deſire for their Service.

We on our Part being fully ſatisfied in our Duty of ſupporting, as far as in us lies, the Dignity and Authority of this Government, have at this Time voted, Nemine Contradicente, *That the Sum of* Five Hundred Pounds *ſhall be given to the Governor, and paid out of the firſt publick Money that ſhall ariſe by any Means in the Treaſury; and to make it more certain, are now preparing a Bill, which will be offered to the Governor, for augmenting the Publick Stock.*

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſaid Addreſs, and that *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſame To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating of Elections of Sheriffs, Coroners and Aſſeſſors* (as laſt amended) was read; and the ſame being put to the Vote, *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing* One Penny per Pound, *and* Four Shillings per *Head*, was read a third Time:

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bills be fairly ingroſſed, and brought to this Houſe To-morrow Morning to be examined, in order to preſent to the Governor to paſs into Laws; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 23.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bills paſſed Yeſterday, being fairly ingroſſed, were examined in the Houſe, and found to agree with the Originals.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *David Harry*, preſent the ſaid Bills to the Governor for his Peruſal, and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by this Houſe, in order to paſs the ſame into Laws.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Joſeph Redman*, examine the Journal, collect the Days of each Member's Attendance on the Service of this Houſe, and prepare Tickets for the Speaker to ſign.

Jeremiah Langhorne, and *Clement Plumſted*, report, they delivered the Addreſs of this Houſe to the Governor, according to Order.

Nicholas Roſogan, Door-keeper of this Houſe, brought in his Account, amounting to *Four Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, which was read, and allowed, and Order of Payment iſſued under the Speaker's Hand, drawn on the Treaſurer.

Ralph Aſheton, Deputy Secretary, ſent in his Account, amounting to *Sixty-four Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, which was read, allowed, and Order of Payment iſſued under the Speaker's Hand on the Treaſurer for Payment of the ſame, after *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Governor is paid and diſcharged.

1717. 6th Mo. 23. A Petition of *John Scutt*, and another of *Peter Peters*'s, Inhabitants of this Province, deſiring their Bonds, given to the Officer for the Duty of each a *Negroe*, imported for their own Uſe reſpectively, may be delivered up, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petitions relating to the *Negroes* aforeſaid, being again taken into Conſideration;

Reſolved, That this Houſe refers all the Petitions relating to *Negroes*, to the Conſtruction of the Law already provided in thoſe Caſes.

Thomas Stevenſon, and *David Harry*, report, they delivered the ſaid Bills by them ſent to the Governor; that he ſaid, he ſhould be ready to receive this Houſe, in order to paſs the ſame into Laws this Afternoon.

The Houſe conſidering the Country deſtitute of an Attorney General, or Clerk of the Crown, and that it would be neceſſary to give Encouragement to ſuch Perſon of Skill and Sincerity as the Governor ſhall think fit to commiſſionate to ſerve in that Station for the enſuing Year, and that the Criminals may be brought to ſpeedy Trial:

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer for the Payment of *Forty Pounds*, made payable to the Governor for the Uſe aforeſaid, and by him to be indorſed to ſuch Perſon as doth officiate in the aforeſaid Office for the inſuing Year; which was done accordingly.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Trade of this Province*, was read a firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Five a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Trade of this Province*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the Committee on the ſaid Bill to add a Clauſe, impoſing *One Shilling* and *Six-pence per* Ton on all Veſſels trading into this Province, except ſuch as are owned by the Inhabitants of the ſame; and that all the Effects ariſing by this Act be paid to the Treaſurer, and a diſtinct Account kept thereof, to render to the Houſe for the Time being; and appropriate the Sum of *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, to defray the Governor's Houſe-rent, and the Reſidue to pay Aſſembly-mens Wages, and what remains to go to the Publick Stock of this Province, and make this Law to continue three Years.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Pennock*, and *John Sotcher*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him (becauſe it is late) this Houſe cannot conveniently wait upon him, according to the Order of the Houſe, to paſs the Bills preſented to him; and therefore deſire he would pleaſe to defer the ſame till To-morrow Morning.

The ſaid Members return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would be ready to receive this Houſe, in order to paſs the Bills now before him, To-morrow Morning at Nine a Clock.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Clement Plumſted*, *William Trent*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Thomas Maſters*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Joſeph Redman*, be a Committee to amend the Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſecure the Trade of this Province*, and bring the ſame to this Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 24. The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

David Lloyd, from the Committee upon the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Trade of this Province*, brought in the ſaid Bill; but the ſame not being finiſhed, further Time was deſired thereupon, which was allowed.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and the other Members appointed a Committee on the ſaid Bill, be continued to complete the ſame (purſuant to the Inſtructions of Yeſterday) againſt the Time this Aſſembly ſhall adjourn to.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith wait on the Governor, in order to paſs the Bills now before him; which was accordingly done.

The Houſe returned, and the Speaker reports, That the Governor had paſſed the two aforeſaid Bills, and that he had ſigned them ſeverally in Preſence of Governor, Council and Aſſembly, as Speaker of this Houſe, and ordered *Jonathan Dickinſon* to join with a Member of Council to ſee the Great Seal affixed thereto, and then to leave the ſame with the Maſter of the Rolls to be recorded; and farther, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy whereof he had obtained in Writing, and the ſame being read, is as followeth.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. ‘ I RECEIVED a very affectionate Addreſs from your Houſe, for which I heartily ‘ thank you; and the generous Acknowledgment you have been pleaſed to make of my ‘ late Endeavours to ſerve this Country, cannot but greatly encourage me diligently to carry ‘ on the ſame publick Service in all its Parts.

‘ Your

'Your dutiful Expreſſions of Loyalty, and Affection to the King and Royal Family, 1717.
'ſhall be carefully repreſented by me to his Majeſty, and his Servants in the Miniſtry; and
'while the Spirit of Unanimity, and ſo amiable a Temper, with reſpect to Government, is *6th Mo.* 24.
'continued and preſerved amongſt you, I will take upon me to ſay, that you may be firmly
'aſſured of the King's favourable Countenance and gracious Condeſcenſion in all your Ap-
'plications to the Throne.

'Gentlemen, ſince you have obſerved to me, that it will be inconvenient for you to en-
'ter upon any Buſineſs now which may detain you from your urgent Affairs at this Time in
'the Country, I cannot but condeſcend that you make ſuch an Adjournment as you think
'will beſt ſuit with the Seaſon of the Year; for I ſhall ſtill have a great Regard to the Opi-
'nion, as well as to the Advantage and Eaſe, of ſo good an Aſſembly.'

Ordered, That the Speaker put the Clerk, or ſome other Perſon, upon tranſcribing the Minutes into the fair Journal of this Houſe, and that *William Fiſhbourn* aſſiſt therein; and then the Houſe adjourned to the Twenty-ninth Inſtant. Adjournment.

The Houſe met according to Adjournment, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the *6th Mo.* 29.
Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *John Sotcher*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe is met, and have adjourned till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quo- *6th Mo.* 30.
rum appeared.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor report, they went to the Governor's Houſe, and he not being at home, they left their Meſſage with his Man, which he promiſed to deliver.

David Lloyd, from the Committee on the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Trade of this Province*, brought in the ſaid Bill, which he read in his Place, and delivered in at the Table.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will go upon the third Reading of the ſaid Bill this Afternoon.

The Houſe being informed that *Samuel Preſton*, Provincial Treaſurer, hath not given Bond, as the Law directs, for the due Execution of his Office;

Ordered, That *Thomas Maſters* acquaint the Treaſurer, this Houſe requires him forthwith to give Bond, as the Law directs, for the due Execution of his Office; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quo- *Poſt Meridiem.*
rum appeared.

Thomas Maſters reports, he had been with the Treaſurer, and that he ſaid he would forthwith comply with the Law relating to his Office, as this Houſe directs.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, went upon the third Reading of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Trade of this Province*; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be laid aſide? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will preſent the Governor with *Fifty Pounds*, to defray his Houſe-rent for the enſuing Year; and that the Speaker forthwith iſſue an Order under his Hand to the Treaſurer for Payment thereof, which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned to Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quo- *6th Mo.* 31.
rum appeared.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Henry Oburn*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, this Houſe inclines to break up, unleſs the Governor has any further Buſineſs for this Houſe.

The ſaid Members return and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets for the Members Services; which was done accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *James Logan*, and Captain *Palmer*, to acquaint this Houſe, that he has nothing to object againſt the Aſſembly's breaking up as propoſed.

Joſhua Lawrence, for ingroſſing the Bills, is allowed *Fifty Shillings*; and the Speaker iſſued an Order of Payment for the ſame.

Maurice Liſle, for tranſcribing the Minutes, is allowed *Twenty-four Shillings*; and Order is iſſued for Payment thereof on the Treaſurer.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1717.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, as alſo for the City of *Philadelphia*, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Edward Farmar,	*David Lloyd*,	*Thomas Stevenſon*,
Toby Leech,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
Thomas Paſchall,	*Richard Hayes*,	*John Sotcher*,
Robert Jones,	*Samuel Garratt*,	*William Stockdale*,
Joſeph Wilcox,	*James Gibbons*,	*William Paxon*,
John Roberts,	*John Wood*,	*Joſeph Bond*,
Laſſe Bore,	*George Maris*,	*Thomas Watſon*,
Nicholas Waln.	*Henry Miller.*	*Joſeph Growdon.*

City of Philadelphia.
William Trent, *Abraham Bickley.*

1717. *8th Mo.* 14. A QUORUM of the ſaid Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker, and choſe *William Trent*, Eſq; Speaker, who was accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Abraham Bickley*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Houſe are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when they ſhall wait on him, in order to preſent their Speaker, and that they make their Report To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Maurice Liſle* wait upon *Richard Hill*, Eſq; Speaker of the laſt Aſſembly, and acquaint him, that it is the Order of this Houſe, that he deliver the Trunk, Minutes and Papers, belonging to the Aſſembly, to *William Trent*, Eſq; Speaker of this preſent Aſſembly.

Ordered, That a Qualification be prepared to be ſubſcribed by the Members of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin, and *Abraham Bickley*, report, that they waited on the Governor, according to Order of Yeſterday; and that the Governor appoints this Afternoon at Three a Clock for the Houſe to preſent their Speaker.

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, High Sheriff of the County of *Philadelphia*, appear before this Houſe, to anſwer for his Neglect, in not bringing in his Return of the Members of the ſaid County and City, as the Law directs.

The ſaid Sheriff appeared, and upon his Submiſſion and Reaſons given to the Houſe,

Reſolved, That after he receives a Reprimand from the Speaker, he ſhall be excuſed of his ſaid Neglect: And the ſaid Sheriff is diſcharged accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Toby Leech*, and *John Wood*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe is now ready to attend him with their Speaker.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend Notice when he would have the Houſe to attend him.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Robert Aſheton*, that the Governor is in Council, and ready to receive the Houſe: Whereupon the Houſe went accordingly to wait on the Governor, and to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reported that they had waited on the Governor, and that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, a Copy whereof he had obtained, which was read, and is as followeth.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

1717. 8th Mo. 15. Governor's Speech.

'AFTER the good Acquaintance that even in a ſhort Time I hope I have lately made with many of your Conſtituents, it is with great Chearfulneſs that I left all other Buſineſs, and haſtened to meet you in Aſſembly, at the uſual Time appointed by the Laws of this Province.

'You need not doubt of my Readineſs to concur with you in all reaſonable Things which may be propoſed, either for the Eaſe and Contentment of the Peoples Minds, or the better Security of their Eſtates; and I am heartily pleaſed with the Proſpect I think I have of your happy Agreement, not only with me, but alſo amongſt yourſelves.

'Beſides what will naturally, and in courſe, come under your Conſideration in reviewing the Laws of this Province, I muſt recommend to you in particular, not to loſe any Time in ſecuring yourſelves, and all the People of this Colony, from the Inconveniencies which may poſſibly ariſe by the unlimited Number of Foreigners that, without any Licence from the King, or Leave of this Government, have been tranſported hither of late, and to provide ſome diſcreet Regulation to allay the Apprehenſions we are under of greater Numbers, which I am informed are daily to be expected from *Europe*.

'I have hitherto heartily endeavoured to convince every Body of my Readineſs to undertake any Thing which may contribute to the Peace, Proſperity, and Safety of this Province; but it will depend on you to ſtrengthen my Hands, ſo as that I may be enabled to do it effectually. And if ſupporting the juſt Authority of your Governor's Character, as well as the Honour and Rank of this Province, amongſt its Neighbours, does, perhaps, create a little more Charge than has been uſual of late Years, ſtill you may be aſſured it will be attended with proportionable Advantages to the Publick Welfare; and with this agreeable Reflection, that above two Thirds of what you give for the Support of Government will be expended and laid out amongſt your own People.

'Gentlemen, I would only further obſerve on this Occaſion, that Unanimity is the Life of Buſineſs; and that I cannot but think you have now an Opportunity in your Hands, eaſily, and with general Satisfaction, to obtain the laſting Character of as good an Aſſembly as ever ſat in the Province of *Pennſylvania*.'

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 16.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The following Members took and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, the ſame being firſt read unto them by the Clerk with an audible Voice, *viz. William Trent*, Eſq; Speaker, *Edward Farmar*, *Toby Leech*, *Laſſe Bore*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Thomas Paſchall*, *David Lloyd*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Richard Hayes*, *Samuel Garratt*, *James Gibbons*, *John Wood*, *Henry Miller*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Joſeph Bond*, *John Sotcher*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*.

Maurice Liſle was appointed to ſerve as Clerk of this Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, being enjoin'd to Secrecy, and to perform his Duty.

Nicholas Roſogan was appointed Door-keeper to this Aſſembly for the Year enſuing, and to have *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, *Richard Hayes*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Abraham Bickley*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe, conſidering divers Members are abſent, and that they are but juſt a Quorum, are inclinable to adjourn to the firſt *Monday* in *January* next, unleſs the Governor has Occaſion to require their Attendance ſooner.

The ſaid Members return, and report, the Governor was ſatisfied with the propoſed Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Orders to all the abſent Members, to give their Attendance at the next Meeting, as they will anſwer the contrary at their Peril; which was done accordingly.

The Governor's Speech, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be further conſidered at the next Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſixth Day of *January* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 11th Mo. 6.

Ordered, That *John Sotcher*, and *James Gibbons*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him that the Aſſembly is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing further to communicate to them, and make their Report To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 7.

The following Members took and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, being firſt read unto them by the Clerk with an audible Voice, *viz. Robert Jones*, *William Stockdale*, *William Paxon*, *George Maris*, and *Nicholas Waln*, and then took their Seats in the Houſe.

1717. 11*th Mo.* 7. *John Sotcher* and *James Gibbons* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to return them a written Anſwer, which they delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and is as followeth.

The GOVERNOR's *ANSWER to a Meſſage from the Aſſembly, January the Sixth.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Meſſage.

'THE Proceedings of your Houſe, to which I ſhall have a very great Regard, will, I conceive, give the moſt natural Riſe to what may be further expected from me on this Occaſion.

'In the mean time, you may depend on my hearty Good-will to aſſiſt you in carrying on the Country's Service, and to ſatisfy all your reaſonable Deſires.'

WILLIAM KEITH.

The Petition of *John Roberts*, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia*, laying before the Houſe his Reaſons for not attending the Service of this Aſſembly, was read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Petition of *Joſeph Growdon*, Eſq; choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, laying before the Houſe his Reaſons for not attending the Service of this Aſſembly, was read, and referred to further Conſideration.

The Governor's Speech, according to the Order of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, being again read,

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, be a Committee to draw an Anſwer to the ſame, and bring it to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Upon a Motion, that Application be made to the Governor to order the Trial of ſeveral Perſons in this Government, who have long been accuſed of Capital Offences;

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to acquaint the Governor with the Mind of the Aſſembly therein, and ſignify the Governor's Pleaſure to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, *Robert Jones*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Richard Hayes*, be a Committee to reviſe the Laws now in Force, and to make Report of their Proceedings therein to the Houſe from time to time; and that the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers relating thereunto.

Ordered, That *John Sotcher* do go to the Executor of *Thomas Wilſon*, late Clerk of this Aſſembly, deceaſed, and demand what Papers are amongſt the ſaid *Wilſon*'s Papers belonging to the Publick.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued to the Maſter of the Rolls to lay before the Committee appointed to reviſe the Laws, all Laws paſſed ſince the laſt Printing the Laws of this Province, and the Speaker is deſired to iſſue the ſame; which was done accordingly.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 8. *Ordered*, That *John Wood* deliver the ſaid Order to the Maſter of the Rolls; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that there be a Sergeant at Arms appointed to attend the Service of this Houſe during their Sitting this Year? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Perſon ſhall be allowed and paid *Five Pounds* for his ſaid Service out of the Publick Stock? *Reſolved in the Affirmative.*

The Speaker, according to the Requeſt of the Aſſembly Yeſterday, was pleaſed to acquaint the Houſe, that he had waited on the Governor accordingly; and that the Governor had aſſured him, that the Criminals ſhall be brought to a ſpeedy Trial.

Ordered, That the Rules to be obſerved in the Houſe, agreed on in former Aſſemblies, be read forthwith; which being done were approved of, and agreed to by the Houſe, and are as follows, *viz.*

Rules of the Houſe.

1. THAT any Member indecently carrying himſelf towards the Speaker, or any of the Members, by Reflections, or other uncomely Behaviour, in the Houſe, or ſhall tranſgreſs this or any of the following Rules, ſhall for the firſt Offence be reproved, for the ſecond and after fined, as the Houſe thinks fit, not exceeding *Ten Shillings*.

2. That all Members, offering to ſpeak, ſtand up, and direct his Speech to the Chair, and ſpeak pertinently to the Occaſion, and having ended to ſit down; none to ſpeak above twice to one Matter (eſpecially upon Bills) without Leave of the Speaker.

3. That none preſume to interrupt another, nor offer to ſpeak until the firſt ſits down.

4. That the Members forbear talking to each other, and keep Silence, unleſs when they have Occaſion to ſpeak in order as aforeſaid.

5. That no Member endeavour to pervert the Senſe of another's Speech.

6. That

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6. That the Speaker have Power to ſtop all unneceſſary, tedious, and ſuperfluous Diſcourſe, and to command Silence when needful.

7. That the Members avoid naming others when they may have Occaſion to obſerve or take Notice of their Speech, but have reſpect to the Time of their Speaking, or to the Seat they have, as Right or Left-hand of the Chair, *&c.*

8. That no Member preſume to go in or out of the Houſe before the Speaker (he being preſent) nor depart the Houſe without his Leave.

9. That upon Debates, and paſſing of Bills, the Majority of Votes ſhall govern; and when the Votes of the Members are equal in Number, the Speaker may have the Caſting Vote.

10. That the Speaker may, with the Conſent of the Houſe, require any Member offending to ſtand at the Bar, and there receive the Cenſure of the Houſe.

11. That no Member preſume to divulge the Debates or Secrets of the Houſe.

12. That no Member, who is againſt the Body of a Bill, ſhall be appointed to be of a Committee concerning that Bill.

13. That the Speaker have Power to nominate Perſons for Committees; and that none who are nominated refuſe the Service; not that any of the Members ſhall be hereby debarred of their Privilege of nominating Perſons if they think fit, or rejecting ſuch as are nominated by the Speaker; in which Caſes, the Opinion of the Houſe ſhall rule.

14. That Bills to be paſſed into Laws, may be brought in by any particular Member, or received by them, or the Speaker from others, and preſented to the Houſe, who is to order the Clerk loudly to read them; and after reading, to be reſpectfully delivered to the Speaker, and him to mark or note (by Breviate or otherwiſe) all Bills, and declare the Nature and Uſe of the ſame; which, if not rejected, to cauſe to be read a ſecond Time; and, after deliberate Conſideration thereon, and Amendment made, if needful, cauſe it to be read a third Time, and ſent to the Governor, as the Houſe ſhall think fit, for his Aſſent; but that no Bill be read twice in one Day, except on extraordinary Occaſions.

15. That at the firſt Reading of Bills the Members avoid any cloſe Debate, and ſeriouſly deliberate on the Contents, in order to their better Information before the ſecond Reading; and that the ſaid Bills do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and that no Member preſume to carry a Bill out of the Houſe without Leave.

16. That all Queſtions put by the Speaker, to know the Mind of the Houſe, be anſwered by the Members ſtanding up, and ſaying Yea, or Nay, as they ſhall ſee meet.

17. That if it ſhall at any Time happen, that a Debate prove tedious, and any four Members ſhall ſtand up, and requeſt the Speaker to put the Matter in Debate to the Vote, he ſhall not refuſe it.

18. That after the Meeting of any Aſſembly, the Regularity of Elections being firſt inſpected, Committees ſhall be appointed on the ſeveral Occaſions of their Seſſions, ſo far as they have Knowledge thereof, wherein the Commands of the Crown ſhall be preferred, and next that of the Governor: After which, Inſpection ſhall be made into the Laws for Safety of the Government.

19. That the Door-keeper always wait on the Speaker for his Orders to ring the Bell.

20. That thoſe Members who do not appear within Half an Hour after the Aſſembly Bell ceaſes to ring, ſhall pay *Eight-pence*; but if a Quorum be not preſent at the ſame Time, then each abſent Member ſhall pay *Sixteen-pence*, and *Eight-pence* for every Hour's Abſence after, unleſs they can ſhew Cauſe, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, for the ſame, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

David Lloyd, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech; which being read, was delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was again read, and approved of by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and ordered to be tranſcribed, ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth.

To the Honourable *WILLIAM KEITH*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in Aſſembly met, this 8th Day of *January*, 1717, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

AS we have a very grateful Senſe of thy Inclination to meet this Aſſembly, ſo the Aſſurance thou art pleaſed to give us of thy Readineſs to concur in all reaſonable Things for the Eaſe of the People, and Security of their Eſtates, is none of the leaſt Indications of thy good Purpoſe to endeavour our Happineſs, and calls for thankful Acknowledgments; which, with great Alacrity, we return thee.

That

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That the coming in of ſo many Foreigners reſts upon us with great Concern, and the more for that they have no Licence from the King to tranſport themſelves here: And the royal Charter ſeems to be againſt them, unleſs they were denizis'd, or at leaſt come under the proper Teſts that ſhould legally diſtinguiſh them from his Majeſty's Enemies.

Therefore we deſire, that the Governor would be pleaſed to favour us with his Sentiments in the Premiſes, and either appoint a Committee of the Council to join a Committee of this Houſe, or otherwiſe as the Governor ſhall think fit, to concert proper Methods for removing the Jealouſies already raiſed in the Minds of the Inhabitants concerning theſe Foreigners; as alſo to prevent the Inconveniencies which may attend their Settlement in one Place, or promiſcuouſly amongſt the Indians.

As we are met with true Deſires and unanimous Reſolutions to ſerve the Country, ſo we hope we ſhall alſo do our Parts to ſupport the Authority of our Governor as becomes us, according to our Ability; and are the more encouraged ſo to do, whilſt ſo great a Part of ſuch Support will be likely to circulate amongſt ourſelves.

And now we being upon the Review of our Laws, find it neceſſary to deſire to know, whether thoſe that paſſed here ſince his preſent Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Crown have been tranſmitted Home, and which of them are diſapproved or annulled? And ſince we have a Governor who has given us an Aſſurance of making Law the Rule of his Adminiſtration, and being endued with ſo great a Share of Underſtanding therein, we hope he will ſo far facilitate our Undertakings, as to give us his Thoughts upon ſuch of our Laws as may want to be methodiz'd, and put into that Order, which may beſt anſwer his Character who gives them a Sanction here; and recommend us to his Majeſty as a well-meaning People, deſiring no Preeminence, but that thoſe, to whom the royal Charter, which erected this a Government, had a peculiar Regard, may be enabled to act in ſuch Stations as they can beſt ſerve the Publick, and merit the laſting Character of being loyal Subjects to the King, dutiful to the Governor, and juſt to the People.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Nicholas Waln has Leave to be abſent this Afternoon on extraordinary Occaſions; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Joſeph Wilcox reported, that he, with the other Members appointed to wait upon the Governor with the Addreſs, delivered the ſame accordingly; and that the Governor was pleaſed to aſſure them, he would have due Regard thereunto.

Reſolved, That *Peter Worrall* be elected Sergeant at Arms for the remaining Part of the Continuance of this Aſſembly.

Abraham Bickley, from the Committee appointed to reviſe the Laws, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein; but not having Time to finiſh the ſame, the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again; and that ſome other Members of the Houſe be added to the ſaid Committee.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to inſpect the Publick Accounts, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing a Supply for the Support of Government, and a further Review of the Laws.

Ordered, That *John Wood*, and *Thomas Watſon*, acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, that they attend the Committee of the whole Houſe, with their reſpective Accounts, at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, the Aſſembly have choſen *Peter Worrall* Sergeant at Arms, to attend the Service of the Houſe, and to deſire he will be pleaſed to grant him a Commiſſion for that Purpoſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 9.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Edward Farmar reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who approved the Choice of the Sergeant at Arms, and is ready to commiſſionate him as the Houſe deſired.

John Wood reported, that he, with the other Member appointed, had been with the Treaſurer and Collector; and that they will attend with their reſpective Accounts To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe, according to Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to inſpect the Publick Accounts, conſider of Ways and Means to raiſe a Supply for Support of Government, and a further Review of the Laws; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Abraham Bickley* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matters to them referred; but not having finiſhed the ſame, the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

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Reſolved, That this Houſe will at Four a Clock this Afternoon reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the further Conſideration of the Matters to them referred; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1717-18. 11*th Mo.* 9.

The Houſe met, *&c.* Adjournment.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the further Conſideration of the Review of the Laws, and raiſing a Supply; and after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Abraham Bickley* reported, from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein; but having not fully finiſhed the ſame, the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Ten a Clock, reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed in the further Conſideration thereof; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.* Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 10.

A Meſſage from the Governor by *Robert Aſheton*, that the Governor deſires the Houſe to attend him at the Houſe of *Richard Hill:* And accordingly the Speaker, with the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, being a Reply to their Addreſs of the eighth Inſtant, and had delivered him a Copy thereof in Writing, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Reply to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'I HEARTILY thank you for the Regard which you have expreſſed towards me in your Addreſs: And ſince you are pleaſed to think that my Purpoſe and Intention to ſerve the People of this Province merit your thankful Acknowledgments, I gratefully accept them, not without Hope, that real Services performed, will, in Time, beget your Friendſhip and Eſteem.

'I very well approve the Motion of appointing a Committee of Council to confer with a Committee of your Houſe upon the Foreigners lately tranſported hither; but I having wrote fully to the Secretary of State upon that Affair, in order to obtain his Majeſty's Commands therein, perhaps you will be of Opinion to delay the further Proſecution of that Matter until we can have ſome Advice from *England*.

'I am as much at a Loſs as you are to know whether the Laws, paſſed here ſince his Majeſty's Acceſſion to the Throne, have been yet preſented at Home, and approved of, or not; but having lately taken the Pains to read over the Body of your Laws as they are printed here, there ſeems to be great Occaſion for it, and I cannot but highly commend your Reſolutions to reviſe and amend them.

'I am not ignorant that you have very able and good Men amongſt yourſelves, ſome of which are eminently well qualified for ſuch a Work; but as there is not any one Thing in Government about which we ought to be more careful than that of compoſing Laws, I ſhall very readily contribute my Aſſiſtance, and not forget the obliging Manner in which you have deſired it.

'The Declaration of your unanimous Reſolutions and Deſire to ſerve the Country, and to ſupport the Authority of Government, ſeems to be very ſeaſonable at this Time; and a ſteady Proſecution, with Temper and Unanimity, of thoſe great and good Purpoſes, cannot fail of eſtabliſhing Peace, Honour and Juſtice, amongſt you.

'Gentlemen, I ſhall be ready to communicate what further may be neceſſary according as you deſire it, or as the daily Proceedings of your Houſe may poſſibly direct it.'

And then the Houſe, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of a further Review of the Laws, and Ways and Means for raiſing a Supply; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Abraham Bickley* reported, that the ſaid Committee were come to ſeveral Reſolves, which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will be pleaſed to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling a Ferry from his Houſe to *New-Jerſey*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 11.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Abraham Bickley, according to Order of Yeſterday, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Conſideration of Ways and Means for raiſing a Supply for Support of Government, and reviewing the Laws, was referred, delivered divers Reſolves of the ſaid Committee in Writing at the Table, which were read by the Clerk, and are as followeth. Reſolves of the Grand Committee.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* ſhall be raiſed for the Support of Government for this preſent Year, 1717.

1717-18. 11*th Mo.* 11. *Reſolved*, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that the Laws of *Great-Britain*, relating to forcible Entry, be adapted as near as may be to the Circumſtances of this Place.

Reſolved, That a Law be made for raiſing County Levies, paying of Aſſemblymens Wages, *&c.* and that Commiſſioners be appointed to put this Law in Execution; and that the Aſſemblymens Wages ſhall be from henceforward *Six Shillings per* Day, preſent Currency, and the Speaker *Ten Shillings*.

Reſolved, That the Law againſt Petty Larceny, under *Five Shillings*, be repealed.

Reſolved, That an Amendment be made to the Law againſt clandeſtine Marriages; and that the Perſons to be married put up their Publication at ſome Meeting-houſe thirty Days before the ſame be conſummated, and produce two Evidences at leaſt, that they ſee it up three Days of Worſhip, with the fair Publication-Side outwards, and the Marriage to be performed by ſome Juſtice in the ſame County.

Reſolved, That the former Laws for making and mending of Bridges and High-ways be comprized in one Act, with Amendments, in order to adapt it as near as may be to the Laws of *England* in that Caſe; and that the ſix Perſons formerly nominated in the Laws by the Juſtices of the County Court, as to private Roads, ſhall continue; and where a Review is to be on ſaid Roads, or the main Road, ſix Men more to be added; all which Perſons ſhall, under Penalty, make Return to the next Quarter-Seſſions, and ſhall be paid *per* Day each, out of the County Levies for the main Roads, but nothing for private Roads; and that at a Provincial Charge, two Bridges be made over the two Creeks, *viz. Potqueſſon*, and *Cobb's-Creek*, where the Poſt-road now croſſes ſaid Creeks.

Reſolved, That a Law be made and adapted for Attachments as near as may be to the Practice of *London*.

Reſolved, That the Act againſt Robbing and Stealing be amended, by allowing but one Fold inſtead of Four, with Coſts and Charges; and that the Party robbed ſhall be obliged to proſecute, and ſhall be deemed good Evidence upon the Trial.

Reſolved, That the Law about the Impoſt ſhall be continued for three Years from the Time of the Expiration of the Act now in Force, with the following Alterations.

Reſolved, That there be an Abatement of the Impoſt on all Goods imported in our own Veſſels, and belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province.

Reſolved, That an Impoſt or Duty of *Thirty Shillings per* Pipe ſhall be paid for all Wines imported belonging to the Inhabitants of this Province, and in Veſſels belonging to the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Duty or Impoſt of *Fifty Shillings per* Pipe ſhall be paid for all Wines imported into this Province by Strangers or Non-reſidents.

Reſolved, That a Duty or Impoſt of *Two-pence per* Gallon ſhall be laid on all Rum imported by Strangers in our own or in foreign Bottoms immediately from the Place of Growth, and *Four-pence per* Gallon for all Rum imported as aforeſaid from any Place of Growth.

Reſolved, That the Act, now in Force, about the Duty of *Negroes*, be continued, with Amendment.

Reſolved, That a Duty be laid upon all Flax imported into this Province.

Reſolved, That a Duty or Tonage of *Twelve-pence per* Ton be laid on all Veſſels coming into this Province, the Majority of whoſe Owners are not Inhabitants of the ſame.

Reſolved, That an Exciſe be laid on all Rum, Wine and other Spirits, retailed in this Province.

Reſolved, That the ſame Duty be laid on all Goods imported from *New-York* as by the Laws there are laid on Goods imported from hence.

Reſolved, That *Twenty Shillings per* Head be paid out of the County Stock, for all Wolves, and *Two Shillings per* Head for all red Foxes, killed by the Inhabitants of this Province within the inhabited Part of the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *One Penny per* Pound, and *Four Shillings per* Head, be laid on all *Palatines* that for Age are taxable, as the Subjects are by the laſt Act of *One Penny per* Pound, and *Four Shillings per* Head; and that a diſcretionary Power be left in the Commiſſioners to allow or rebate them as their Circumſtances ſhall appear; and that the ſame Method ſhall be taken with them on Account of County Levies.

The Queſtion being put, that there be an Exciſe laid upon Beer and Cyder made in this Province? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Queſtion being put, that the Reſolves of the Grand Committee to whom the Reviewing of the Laws was referred as now read, with the Amendments to ſeveral of them, be referred to the further Conſideration of this Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, N. C. D. That a Bill be brought in to ſettle and aſcertain the Rights and Privileges of Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Thirteenth Inſtant, at Four a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.* and it being too late to proceed upon Buſineſs, the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1717-18.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 13. Adjournment.

A Motion being made, that ſome Members of this Houſe be appointed to receive from the Attorney General, Prothonotary, or other Perſon ſkilled in the Law, ſuch Objections as they ſhall offer to any of the Laws now in Force. *11th Mo.* 14.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Richard Hayes*, apply to them for their Opinions as aforeſaid, and make report to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the great Inconveniency complained of by former Aſſemblies, that one Perſon ſhould enjoy ſeveral Offices, which ſhould be a Check one upon another, and that the Papers belonging to ſuch Offices ſhould be lodged in one Place; after ſome Time ſpent therein, and the Queſtion being put, that a Bill be brought in to diſable any Perſon from holding ſeveral Offices which interfere one with another? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that a Work-houſe be built in the City of *Philadelphia* for the Uſe and Service of the whole Province, and at a Provincial Charge? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill to enable the Wives of abſent Perſons to trade in their own Names, and on their own Accounts; and that the Effects in their Hands ſhall not be liable to anſwer the Debts contracted by their Huſbands Abroad to the Injury of the Merchants at Home, who intruſt ſuch Women with their Goods; and the Queſtion being put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Governor's Reply to the Aſſembly's Addreſs of the Eighth of *January* 1717, be again read; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Thanks of this Houſe be returned to the Governor for the ſaid Reply; and that *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Watſon*, do wait upon him, and return him the Thanks of this Houſe accordingly; and to deſire to know what Orders are taken about the Trial of the Criminals, and make Report To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling a Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *New-Jerſey*, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Bill brought into a former Aſſembly by the Petitioner for ſettling the ſaid Ferry, and now remaining in this Houſe, be read forthwith, which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 15.

Edward Farmar and *Thomas Watſon* reported, They delivered their Meſſage to the Governor according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſignify to them that he would ſend an Anſwer thereto in Writing ſome time to Day.

Joſeph Wilcox, and the other Members appointed to confer with the Attorney General and Recorder, reported, that they had been with them accordingly; and that the Attorney General had undertaken to lay before this Houſe, with all convenient Speed, an Account of what Laws he judges neceſſary to be enacted; and that the Recorder had promiſed to mend the Bills for Attachments, Defalcation, and retailing Liquors, and lay them before this Houſe as ſpeedily as poſſible.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Laws for aſcertaining the Dimenſions of Caſk, *&c.* now in Force, be reviſed and amended? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that a Penalty be laid on ſuch as ſhall omit or neglect to weigh their Flour with ſealed Weights according to the Standard; on thoſe who pack in Caſk made of green Timber; alſo on ſuch as do not brand their Caſk; and on ſuch as ſhall be detected of falſe Package; and that a Standard ſhall be kept in each County of this Province for the Regulation of Weights and Meaſures? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that a Supplement be made to the Law for the Relief of the Poor; and that the ſame be adapted, as near as may be, to the Statutes of *England? Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of *John Walker*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling a Ferry from the Middle of the City of *Philadelphia*, right over to *Weſt-Jerſey*, was read; but the ſaid Petitioner not being recommended by any of the Inhabitants of the ſaid City,

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the Hardſhips Ground-rent Tenants lye under by the Landlords exacting their Rents in Proclamation Money, that were to be paid in the old Currency, was read, and ordered to be read again.

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes* go to the Attorney General, and *Jeremiah Langhorne* to the Recorder, to enquire of them, reſpectively, if they have finiſhed what they undertook

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1717-18. to do, and promiſed the Committee appointed to confer with them about the reviſing the Laws, and if not done, to deſire them to finiſh the ſame, and that it be ſent to the Houſe this Evening; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

11th Mo. 15. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Petition of *Anthony Houſton*, of *New-Caſtle*, Gentleman, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to inveſt a Houſe and Lot in *Philadelphia*, being the Eſtate of *William Clark*, late of *Lewes-Town*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in the Territories of this Province, in Truſtees for Sale, to pay the Petitioner a Bond of *One Hundred* and *Ten Pounds*, with Intereſt, from ſaid *Clark*, and his Father *William Clark*, to him, was read.

Ordered, That Leave be given the ſaid Petitioner to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Richard Hayes reported, that he had been with the Attorney General, who hath not quite finiſhed what he had to lay before the Houſe, but would compleat the ſame to Day.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by *James Logan*, was brought to the Houſe, and read.

Three Petitions from ſeveral Inhabitants of the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Bucks*, all relating to the Tranſportation of Deer-ſkins; the improving the Country Manufactures; and ſundry other Things, were read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Jeremiah Langhorne laid before the Houſe three Bills, which he received from the Recorder, *viz.* An Act to prevent the Multiplicity of Law-ſuits; an Act impowering the Juſtices of the Peace to ſettle the Price of Liquors in Publick-houſes, *&c.* and an Act for the more effectual Recovery of Debts due from Foreigners by Attachment, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Governor's written Meſſage, by *James Logan*, be again read, which was done accordingly, and is as followeth.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'I WAS very glad to receive that Meſſage wherein you take Notice of the Criminals 'not yet tried in *Cheſter* County. Immediately after my Arrival here, I received a very 'moving Petition in that Affair; and as ſoon as poſſibly I could perſwade Gentlemen of 'Character to accept the Offices of Chief Juſtice and Attorney General, I laid the Petition 'before my Council, and it was then reſolved, that the Trial of thoſe Criminals ſhould be 'ordered at *Cheſter*, immediately after the Riſing of the laſt County Courts.

'I was then informed, that the great Number of Jurors, and other neceſſary Attendance 'at thoſe Trials, where, for the greater Solemnity, I had promiſed to be preſent myſelf, 'could not poſſibly be accommodated with any Decency in the Court-houſe at *Cheſter*; 'wherefore it was moved to me, for the more general Satisfaction of all Parties, that the 'Trials might be removed to *Philadelphia*; and knowing that the King's Prerogative, 'wherewith I looked upon myſelf as Governor to be intruſted in that Point, might, un-'queſtionably, direct and appoint the Place of Trial within any Part of this Province, I 'very readily condeſcended to a Propoſition which ſeemed to carry both Reaſon and Conveni-'ency along with it.

'But ſoon afterwards perceiving that an Act of Aſſembly had, I ſuppoſe, inadvertently 'paſſed here, to reſtrain and limit that which is known to be his Majeſty's undoubted Pre-'rogative in all the other Parts of his Dominions, I forbore to proceed any further, until I 'could have the Advantage of your Sentiments in a Circumſtance which ſo nearly affects 'the very Being of the moſt neceſſary Powers of Government.

'I cannot but lay hold of this Occaſion to aſſure you that I ſhall never deſire any Aſſem-'bly to magnify or extend the Governor's Power, beyond what they themſelves ſhall judge 'neceſſary for the Eaſe, Advantage and Safety of the People they repreſent, for that would 'be in effect to create more Trouble to myſelf, and to take upon me a greater Burthen than 'I am already charged with, which common Prudence, as well as Self-intereſt, will oblige 'me to avoid.

'But, on the other Hand, I cannot think myſelf ſo wiſe as thoſe Gentlemen (if there be 'any ſuch) who fancy that they can frame a better Conſtitution, for preſerving the Rights 'and Liberties of the Subject here, than that of our Mother Country, which is the Sum and 'Reſult of the Experience and Wiſdom of our Forefathers for many Generations, and is ſo 'juſtly applauded, as well as envied, by all the Chriſtian World.

'I think it therefore my Duty, in all your legiſlative Proceedings, heartily to recommend 'to you the fair and lovely Pattern of an *Engliſh* Conſtitution and Government, well know-'ing that your wiſe Imitation thereof cannot fail, in the beſt Manner, to ſecure you the Fa-'vour of your Sovereign, and his Majeſty's ready Concurrence to ſupport and protect you 'in all thoſe truly valuable Privileges and Immunities which *Engliſhmen* and good Subjects 'do claim and fully enjoy at this Time.'

Philadelphia, Jan. 15, 1717-18. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Edward Farmar*, and *Richard Hayes*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him with the Sentiments of the Houſe upon the Matter contained in the ſaid written Meſſage, and the Speaker is deſired to accompany them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1717-18. *11th Mo.* 15. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 16.

David Lloyd reported, that he, with the other Members appointed to wait upon the Governor, had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor had been pleaſed to ſignify his Pleaſure in Writing in anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and is as follows.

GENTLEMEN,

'YOUR Meſſage to me from the Houſe is truly acceptable; becauſe ſuch free Communication effectually preſerves and nouriſhes that Confidence and Union of Thoughts between the Governor and Aſſembly, which is abſolutely neceſſary to carry on the Publick Good.

'Pleaſe to aſſure the Houſe from me, that I will forthwith give the neceſſary Orders in what they deſire, and in the very Manner in which they have ſignified by you will be moſt agreeable to them.

'And in general they may on all Occaſions depend on me, that it ſhall not be in any Body's Power to divert me from joining heartily with them in all their Undertakings and Reſolutions for the Good of the People whom they repreſent.'

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *Robert Jones*, be a Committee to inſpect the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers; and that they call upon the Prothonotary for an Account of all Fines and Forfeitures eſtreated and come to his Hands.

A ſecond Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, deſiring that he may have both Ferries neceſſary to *New-Jerſey*, *viz.* one to *Glouceſter*, and another over to *Daniel Cooper*'s, was read, and conſidered: And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid *Armſtrong Smith* be the Perſon appointed to keep both the ſaid Ferries, under ſuch Prices and Reſtrictions as this Houſe ſhall think fit? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to limit and ſettle the Price of Day Labour, or the Hire of itinerant Perſons working by the Day from Place to Place; and that no Ale-houſe or Tavern ſhall preſume, directly or indirectly, to ſell any ſtrong Liquors to any *Negroe* or *Indian* Slave; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 17.

Joſeph Wilcox, with the other Members of the Committee, appointed to inſpect the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector, report to the Houſe, that the Shortneſs of the Time hath rendered them incapable of perfecting the Buſineſs given them in Charge, but had made ſome conſiderable Progreſs in viewing the Collector's Accounts of Wine imported; and find the Account in general agree with the Manifeſto's delivered by the Importer, yet that the Impoſt thereupon was much leſſened by divers Ways, as Allegations of Leakage, Sourneſs, and by ſundry Perſons who had cauſed their Wines in this Port to be put on board other Veſſels before Landing, and ſent them out of the Government, either to the Lower Counties or *Jerſeys*, beſides others who had refuſed Payment, under Pretence of keeping conſiderable Quantities for their own Uſe; both which the Committee thought fit ſpecially to report to the Houſe, to the Intent that the Impoſt Act may be further conſidered; and in order thereunto, that the Collector had made ſome Propoſals for regulating the Method for collecting the ſaid Impoſt, wherewith he deſired them to acquaint the Houſe; and that they had not yet Time to enquire of the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court for the Account of the Fines and Forfeitures to be returned into the Prothonotary's Office.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table to be further conſidered; and that the ſaid Committee be continued to finiſh the Buſineſs to them referred; and alſo, that the Collector have Leave to bring in a Bill, or his Propoſals, for that Purpoſe.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Appropriating the Money agreed to be raiſed for the Support of Government, and thereupon came to the following Reſolutions.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the immediate Service of this Aſſembly be firſt diſcharged out of the ſaid Money.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *Eight Hundred Pounds* be appropriated out of the ſaid Money to the Lieutenant-Governor for his own Support.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be appropriated to the Chief Juſtice, *David Lloyd*, for this preſent Year, out of the ſaid Money.

1717-18. *Ordered*, That *Joſeph Wilcox* regulate the Minutes of Aſſembly, and bring them to the Houſe To-morrow Morning, and that he be allowed for his Trouble therein as immediate Service; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11th Mo. 17. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

11th Mo. 18. A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſame Duty be laid upon all Shallops, Boats and Canoes, coming into this Province from the *Weſtern Diviſion* of *New-Jerſey*, which the Aſſembly of that Province have laid upon Shallops, Boats and Canoes, going from hence to them, and to continue the ſame Time, and no longer? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Law directing how petty Offences ſhall be puniſhed, be reviſed, and the Fines for Aſſault and Battery, where there ſhall be neither Wound nor Maim, ſhall be aſcertained? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, draw up ſuch Bills as the Houſe have reſolved on, and bring them to the Houſe at the next Sitting.

Ordered, That the Votes of the Houſe be tranſcribed, examined by the Speaker, *Joſeph Wilcox*, and *Abraham Bickley*, and expoſed to publick View.

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes*, and *John Wood*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have agreed to adjourn till the Tenth of *February* next.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that they deliver'd their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was ſatisfied with the ſaid Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the tenth Day of *February* next.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 10. THE Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *James Gibbons*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, in order to proceed to Buſineſs; and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 11. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Abraham Bickley reported, that he, with the other Member appointed to wait upon the Governor, deliver'd their Meſſage accordingly; and that the Governor had told them, he had ſomething to communicate relating to the Criminals, which he would ſend in Writing ſome time to Day.

Joſeph Wilcox, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Bills by him drawn up, *viz.*

An Act to prevent Multiplicity of Law-ſuits.

A Supplementary Act to an Act of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the preventing of clandeſtine Marriages.*

A Supplementary Act to the Law, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Dimenſions of Caſk, and for the true Packing of Meat for Tranſportation.*

A Supplementary Act to the Law, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of the Poor.*

An Act for laying a Duty on Shallops, Flats, Boats, and Canoes, belonging to the *Weſtern Diviſion* of *New-Jerſey*, which ſhall carry Goods or Paſſengers from this Province for Hire or Reward.

An Act for the better encouraging the Trade of this Province.

An Act directing how petty Offences ſhall be puniſhed.

An Act for the more effectual Recovery of Debts, due from Foreigners, and Perſons abſconding, by attaching of their Lands, Monies, Goods and Chattels.

An Act for erecting a Ferry to the Landing at or near the Land late of *Daniel Cooper*, deceaſed, and alſo to *Glouceſter*, in the *Weſtern Diviſion* of *New-Jerſey*; which were ſeverally read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

David Lloyd, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Bills by him drawn, *viz.*

An Act for the more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies.

An Act for laying a Duty upon ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province.

An Act for laying a Duty upon Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province.

An Act for continuing a Duty on *Negroes* brought into this Province.

An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels.

An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction and Work-houſes in the reſpective Counties of this Province.

An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders; which were ſeverally read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Jeremiah Langhorne, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe ſeveral Bills by him drawn, *viz.*

An Act againſt forcible Entry.

An Act to aſcertain the Rights and Privileges of the Aſſembly of this Province.

An

An Act impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Price of Liquors in Publick Houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick Stables. 1717-18.

An Act againſt Robbing and Stealing; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. *12th Mo.* 11. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The ſaid Bills brought in by *Jeremiah Langhorne*, were ſeverally read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants of *Philadelphia*, laying before the Houſe their Reaſons againſt the Duty or Impoſt on *Madeira* Wine, together with an Eſtimate of the Coſt of a Pipe of Wine, and Charges thereon, till it comes into the Merchant's Store; and praying that the ſaid Impoſt may not be laid according to the Reſolve of the Houſe, was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying an Alteration may be made in the Currency of Money, and that Country Produce ſhould be made current Pay at a certain Price, was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling a Ferry from *Joſeph Kirkbride*'s Land to *Weſt-Jerſey*, was read, and ordered to be read again.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was brought to the Houſe and read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'THE Orders, which at your Deſire were iſſued for apprehending the *Cheſter* Criminals, have been ſo far executed as to bring three of them into *Philadelphia* Goal, where they now lie in Irons expecting daily to be tried. Governor's Meſſage.

'If any Thing yet remains wherein you can adviſe me with relation to this Affair, I ſhall be glad to receive it.

'And as I ſhall be ready on my Part, I hope you will on yours, ſo to encourage the zealous Proſecution of ſuch notorious and black Crimes, as that they may be effectually diſcouraged for the future, and the publick Juſtice of this Province ſupported and vindicated from all Aſperſions whatſoever.'

Philadelphia, Feb. 11, 1717-18. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Houſe, upon Conſideration of the Governor's Meſſage, being apprehenſive that ſomething contained therein did imply a Deficiency in ſome Reſpect, with relation to the Trial of the Criminals, which this Houſe might be capable to ſupply;

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, wait upon the Governor, to give him the Thanks of this Houſe for the Care he has taken therein; and to deſire to know if any Thing further be incumbent on the Aſſembly, in order to expedite the ſaid Trials, and the Speaker is deſired to accompany them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 12.

Nathaniel Newlin reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, waited on the Governor; who deſired them to acquaint the Houſe, that he will forthwith fill the Commiſſion with Magiſtrates, and expedite the Trials of the Criminals as much as in him lay; but that the Attorney-General, he believed, would be readier in the Proſecution, if ſome greater Compenſation be allowed him for his Service in that Station.

Reſolved, That that Affair is not properly before this Aſſembly; and that it will not conſiſt with the Honour and Reputation of the Houſe to augment his Salary on this Occaſion.

The Petition of ſeveral Tavern-keepers in *Philadelphia*, praying that no Exciſe may be laid on Wine retailed, as the Houſe has voted, was read, and ordered to be read again when the Law for laying the ſaid Exciſe is read the ſecond Time.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the Trade of this Province*, was read a ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed; and that it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to guard againſt the Inhabitants of *Jerſeys*, the three Lower Counties, or *Maryland*, importing Goods belonging to *New-York* in their Names.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels*, was read a ſecond Time and committed, and ſome Amendments were ordered to be made to the Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province*; and alſo the Petition of ſeveral Merchants reſiding in *Philadelphia*, touching the ſaid Duty, was read a ſecond Time, and debated.

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1717-18. *Reſolved*, That there ſhall be two Pipes *per* Hundred allowed to every Importer of Wine that is an Inhabitant of this Province Duty-free for his own Uſe; and that *Three Pounds per* Pipe be paid for all *Fyall* Wines; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 12. Adjournment.

12th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe upon ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province*, was read a ſecond Time; and a Debate ariſing thereupon, and ſome Amendments agreed to be made by the Houſe,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed, and the ſaid Amendments made accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Duty on* Negroes *brought into this Province*, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, and ſome Amendments agreed by the Houſe to be made to the ſaid Bill, the ſame was committed.

The Petition of *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the ſaid City, praying that the Corporation may have the Managing of the Ferry from thence to *Jerſey*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Moore preſented to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Houſe and Lot of Ground lying in* Philadelphia, *late the Eſtate and Inheritance of* William Clark, *of* Lewes-Town, *in the County of* Suſſex, *deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts*, &c. which was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing County Levies*, was read a ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments agreed by the Houſe to be made to the Bill, and then the ſaid Bill was committed for Amendments accordingly.

The Petition of *Joſeph Wood*, of the County of *Bucks*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſettling a Ferry from the *Falls* to *Jerſey*, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 14. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, praying to be continued in his ſaid Office as Collector of the Impoſt now laid, was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Houſe took again into Conſideration ſome farther Amendments to be made to the Bill for raiſing County Levies; and the ſame being debated, and agreed to, were ordered to be put into the Bill accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders*, was read the ſecond Time, and agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and committed.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to amend the ſeveral Bills agreed to be amended, according to the Reſolves of the Houſe; and that as the Amendments are made they return them to the Houſe; and that they endeavour to compleat the ſame by To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire him to favour this Houſe with a Copy of his Commiſſion and Approbation, in order to ſettle the Titles of the Bills now ready to be laid before him for his Peruſal; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor report, that inſtead of a Copy, the Governor had been pleaſed to favour the Houſe with his Commiſſion, and the royal Approbation; which being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Members take Care of, and ſafely return, the ſame to the Governor.

Joſeph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to amend ſeveral Bills, according to the Order of the Houſe, brought three of the ſaid Bills, *viz.*

The Bill for continuing the Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Province.

The Bill concerning Feme Sole Traders. And

The Bill for laying a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels, with the Amendments agreed to be made thereto; which being read, and conſidered, were approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Richard Hayes*, do wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Bills for his Peruſal.

The Committee appointed to amend ſeveral Bills ſent to the Houſe two more of the ſaid Bills, *viz.*

An Act for the more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies. And

An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction and Work-houſes in the reſpective Counties of this Province, by them amended, according to Order; which Amendments being read, and conſidered, were approved of by the Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Members appointed to return the Governor's Commiſſion, with the royal Approbation, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor for his Peruſal; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1717-18. 12*th Mo.* 14. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12*th Mo.* 15.

Joſeph Wilcox reported, that the Committee had gone through the Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, *&c.* but that the Mind of the Houſe was not clear by the Minutes before the Committee, about ſome Parts of the Bill for raiſing County Levies with Relation to the Rates of ſingle Perſons; and therefore the Committee deſire to know the Mind of the Houſe therein.

Whereupon the Queſtion being put, that all ſingle Perſons, whoſe Eſtates amount not to *Fifty Pounds* in Value, ſhall be rated at *Four Shillings per* Head? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That all Petitions, now lying before this Houſe, be conſidered at next Meeting.

The Speaker ſign'd a Ticket, or Account of Service, for *William Pile*, a Member of Aſſembly for *Cheſter* County for the Year 1716, for thirteen Days Attendance, at *Four Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, which amounts to *Two Pounds Eighteen Shillings* and *Six-pence.*

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Thomas Paſchall*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for laying a Duty on ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province, for his Peruſal; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſeventeenth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12*th Mo.* 17.

Ordered, That *William Stockdale*, and *Abraham Bickley*, have Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Committee, to whom the Bill for raiſing County Rates and Levies was referred for Amendment, do amend and bring the ſame to the Houſe with all convenient Speed.

The Petition of ſeveral Perſons, Owners of Ground-rents, praying that a former Petition, exhibited to this Aſſembly by Perſons about paying Ground-rent in the Currency that lately paſſed in this Province, may be rejected, or that the ſaid laſt Petitioners may be heard by themſelves, or their Counſel, before any further Progreſs be made therein, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12*th Mo.* 18.

The Governor returned to the Houſe three of the Bills ſent him, *viz.*

An Act for the better encouraging the Trade of this Province, with an Amendment, which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province, without any Amendment.

An Act for laying a Duty upon ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province, with ſome Amendments, and the Reaſons thereof.

The Governor returned to the Houſe three others of the ſaid Bills, ſent him for his Peruſal, *viz.*

An Act for laying a Duty upon *Negroes* imported into this Province.

An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders, without any Amendment.

An Act for laying a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels, with ſome Amendments, which were read.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes imported into this Province*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders*, was read the third Time, and debated; and, after ſome Amendment made thereto,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed, and ſent to the Governor for his Concurrence thereto ſince the Amendment.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Bucks* County about the Exportation of Deer-ſkins, was read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels*, was read the third Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

The Petition of *Andrew Robinſon*, praying that the Bill to inveſt a Meſſuage and Lot in *Philadelphia*, being the Eſtate of *William Clark*, of *Lewes-Town*, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to pay *Anthony Houſton*, of *New-Caſtle*, a Bond of *One Hundred* and *Ten Pounds*, with Intereſt, may not paſs, he the ſaid *Robinſon* having Debts due from ſaid *Clark* prior to ſaid *Houſton*'s, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſeveral Victuallers and Butchers of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, praying that the Inhabitants of *Weſt-Jerſey* may be obliged to bring their Cattle hither alive,

1717-18. and kill them here, or elſe not be permitted to ſell their Meat, was read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

12th Mo. 18. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Province*, was read a third Time; and, after ſome Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province*, being read a third Time, was debated; and, after ſome Amendments made thereto, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be ingroſſed.

The Petition of *Joſeph Wood*, of *Bucks* County, praying that he may be appointed to keep the Ferry to *Jerſey* from his Land in ſaid County, was read; and alſo the Petition of *Joſeph Kirkbride*, now lying in this Houſe, in relation to the ſaid Ferry, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Members of *Bucks* County conſider the ſaid Petitions, and recommend to the Houſe, at the next Meeting, the moſt convenient Place and fit Perſon to keep the ſaid Ferry.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction, and Work-houſes, in the ſeveral Counties of this Province*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed; and then the

Adjournment. Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 19. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying that there may be a Duty laid on Deer-ſkins exported, was read the ſecond Time; and after ſome Debate thereupon, and the Houſe conſidering that the Law about *Indian* Traders was near expiring, the Queſtion was put, that a Duty be laid accordingly? *Paſſed in the Negative.* And then the

Adjournment. Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province*, was read the third Time; and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

Reſolved, That an Abatement of *Ten Shillings per* Pipe of *Madeira* Wine, from the Place of Growth, be allowed and made, both to Inhabitants and Strangers; and, after ſeveral other Amendments made thereto,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction and Work-houſes in the reſpective Counties of this Province*, was read a third Time; and, after ſome Amendments made thereto, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock

Adjournment. To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 20. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for ſettling a Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *Glouceſter*, was read a ſecond Time; and alſo the Petition of the Mayor of *Philadelphia*, relating to the ſaid Ferry; and the ſame being debated,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Abraham Bickley*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Poſt Meridiem. *Ordered*, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for erecting Houſes of Correction, *&c.* for his Peruſal; and that they acquaint him, that the Houſe have agreed to his Amendments propoſed to the Impoſt Bill; and inform him of the Amendments made by the Houſe to the ſame; and that the Bills that have already been before him being ingroſſed, the Houſe deſires to know if he expects them to be ſent to him any more before the Time they are preſented in order to paſs into Laws.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered the Bill to the Governor, according to Order; and informed him, that the County Levy Bill is in Hand; and they alſo delivered their Meſſage about the Amendments, which he approved; and that he acquainted them, that he did not expect thoſe Bills again which he had ſeen already till the Time at which they are to paſs; but deſired the Houſe to be careful in examining and comparing them, and that the Speaker may be preſent at the Doing thereof; and that the Governor was pleaſed further to acquaint them, that if the Time at preſent will not permit that all thoſe Bills be finiſhed which the Aſſembly thinks needful, he will be ready to paſs them another Time, when they ſhall ſee fit to meet again.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for raiſing County Rates and Levies*, being brought to the Houſe and read a third Time, with the Amendments; after ſome Debate thereupon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be amended by *David Lloyd*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, and brought

Adjournment. to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The

1717-18. 12th Mo. 21.

The Houſe met, &c.

David Lloyd, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Bill for raiſing County Levies, with the Amendments made thereto, which was delivered in at the Table, where the ſaid Amendments were read; and, after ſome Conſideration, agreed to by the Houſe.

Joſeph Wilcox laid before the Houſe an Account of the Rates of Ferriage now taken from *Philadelphia* to *Glouceſter*;

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee to whom the Bill for ſettling the ſaid Ferry was committed.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, *Robert Jones*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for raiſing County Levies, for his Peruſal; and that they carry the ingroſſed Bills, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Duty on* Negroes *brought into this Province.*

An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels.

An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders.

An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province.

An Act for laying a Duty on ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province. And

An Act for the better Encougragement of the Trade of this Province; and deliver them to him; and acquaint him, that thoſe Bills are ſent to him for his View, and hope he will ſee no Cauſe for any Amendment to any of them; but if any ſhould happen, that the Governor will be pleaſed to put them on a Sheet of Paper, and not deface the Bills; and that they acquaint the Governor, that this Houſe deems the ſaid ingroſſed Bills in their Poſſeſſion until the ſame are ſigned by the Speaker by Order of the Houſe.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction, and Work-houſes, in the reſpective Counties of this Province*, with ſome Amendments, which he delivered in at the Table.

Edward Farmar, and the other Members ſent to carry the Bills to the Governor, returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, that he would call his Council this Afternoon, and that the ſaid Bills ſhould be diſpatched as ſoon as poſſible.

The Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction, and Work-houſes, in the reſpective Counties of this Province*, were read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, were agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Joſeph Wilcox*, inſert the ſame with the Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual raiſing County Rates and Levies*, was returned from the Governor, without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

The Petition of *John Morris*, praying Relief againſt ſome unreaſonable Fines formerly impoſed on him in *Philadelphia* County Court, was read, and ordered to be read again.

Jeremiah Langhorne, and *Abraham Bickley*, brought to the Houſe the Bill for erecting a Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *Jerſey*, amended according to Order, which was agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

12th Mo. 22.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction, and Work-houſes, in the reſpective Counties of this Province*, was returned from the Governor, with ſome Amendments, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Upon Examination, and comparing of the ingroſſed Bills with the Draughts,

Ordered, That five Lines and a Half of the appropriating Clauſe in the Exciſe Bill be obliterated, and that the Speaker ſign the ſame.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar* wait on the Governor with the ingroſſed Bill for raiſing County Levies.

Ordered, That an Amendment be made in the firſt Proviſo of the ingroſſed Bill for the better Encouragement of the Trade of this Province, by an Interlineation of the Words [*and not purchaſed in either of thoſe Provinces*] and that the Speaker ſign the ſame in the Margin; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin* and *Jeremiah Langhorne* wait upon the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills for erecting Houſes of Correction, and Work-houſes, in the reſpective Counties of this Province, and for ſettling the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *New-Jerſey*, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall attend him with the Bills prepared, in order to have them paſſed into Laws.

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1717-18. The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Bucks* County, about the Ferry from the *Falls* to *Jerſey*, was read, and ordered to be read again at next Meeting.

12*th Mo.* 22. The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the ingroſſed Bill for raiſing County Levies, and a Propoſal that the Proprietary's Eſtate be exempted from Aſſeſſments.

Reſolved, That the Proprietary's own proper Eſtate ſhall not be rated by the ſaid Bill; and a Proviſo was put into the ſaid Bill accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Robert Aſheton*, one of the Council, that the Governor is ready to receive the Aſſembly, and expects the Attendance of the Houſe forthwith: And accordingly the Speaker, and the Aſſembly, went to wait upon the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills, in order to have them paſſed into Laws; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and acquainted the Houſe, that he had preſented to the Governor ſeveral ingroſſed Bills, to which he was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, and to paſs them into Laws; the Titles whereof are as follows, *viz.*

An Act for laying a Duty upon ſundry Liquors retailed in this Province.

An Act for the better encouraging the Trade of this Province.

An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province.

An Act concerning Feme Sole Traders.

An Act for continuing a Duty on Negroes *brought into this Province.*

An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels.

An Act for erecting Houſes of Correction and Work-houſes in the reſpective Counties of this Province.

An Act for erecting a Ferry to the Landing at or near the Land of Daniel Cooper, *deceaſed, and alſo to* Glouceſter, *in the* Weſtern Diviſion *of* New-Jerſey.

An Act for the more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies.

And that the Governor had appointed two of the Council, *viz. Samuel Preſton*, and *Robert Aſheton*, to go with *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Abraham Bickley*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, who were deſired, on Behalf of the Aſſembly, to ſee the Great Seal at the Roll's Office affixed to the ſaid Laws; and that the Governor had likewiſe made a Speech to the Aſſembly, whereof he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as followeth.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'I MUST, on this Occaſion, obſerve, with great Satisfaction, the indefatigable Application you have given to the publick Service; and I think myſelf therefore obliged to aſſure you, that whatſoever has either been delayed, or caſually omitted, for want of more Time, whether it be in the Bills you have now paſſed, or in ſuch as were propoſed, and deſigned to be finiſhed, I ſhall at all Times, that will ſuit with your Conveniency, be ready, on my Part, to compleat, amend and perfect whatſoever ſhall be found neceſſary or ſtill wanting for the Eaſe, Advantage, and better Proſperity of this Province.

'Gentlemen, I heartily thank you for the Care you have already taken of me, and do readily condeſcend that you make ſuch an Adjournment now as you think will beſt ſuit with the Publick, and your own Conveniency.'

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox* be deſired to reviſe and regulate the Minutes of Aſſembly, in order to have them fairly tranſcribed; and that he be allowed Satisfaction for his Trouble therein as immediate Service of Aſſembly.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Wilcox*, *Edward Farmar*, and *Abraham Bickley*, be deſired to treat with the Printer, in order to get the Laws of this Province printed, and that the Speaker be deſired to aſſiſt them therein; and farther, that the Clerk of the Aſſembly do prepare and make out a fair Copy or Tranſcript of the ſaid Laws paſſed this Aſſembly for the Printer accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk of this Aſſembly do tranſcribe a fair Copy of the Act *for raiſing County Rates and Levies*, for the Commiſſioners of every County in this Province, to the Intent they may be informed of their Duty, in relation to their Office, reſpectively.

Adjournment.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Houſe do adjourn till the firſt *Monday* in *May* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt *Monday* in *May* next accordingly.

1718. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

3*d Mo.* 5. Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, and are ready to proceed upon Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3*d Mo.* 6. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, reported, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor had acquainted them, that he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe this Day.

John

John Roberts, a Member choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia* for this preſent Year, by reaſon of his Indiſpoſition of Body, not having hitherto attended the Service of this Aſſembly, appeared; and having taken and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, took his Seat. 1718. 3d Mo. 6.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Seſſion of this Aſſembly, from *February* the Tenth to the laſt Adjournment, be read; which was done accordingly.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I HAVE not any Thing of Moment to lay before you, except what is to be found 'on the Minutes of your Houſe yet unfiniſhed; and whilſt the Publick Affairs are un- 'der your Inſpection, I am perfectly eaſy, and always ready to concur with you in what- 'ſoever you ſhall judge requiſite and neceſſary for the further Proſperity and Advantage of 'this Province. Governor's Meſſage.

WILLIAM KEITH.

The Houſe being informed, that an Omiſſion of nominating a Collector had happened in the Act lately paſſed for laying a Duty of Tonage upon Ships and Veſſels,

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley* go to the Maſter of the Rolls, and acquaint him, that it is the Order of the Houſe, that he bring the Roll of Laws lately paſſed by this Aſſembly to the Houſe forthwith.

Thomas Stevenſon, and the other Members for the County of *Bucks*, report, that, according to Order, they, with other Inhabitants of the ſaid County, had viewed the Places belonging to *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Joſeph Wood*, Petitioners to this Houſe for the ſaid Ferry; and having conſidered the Conveniencies thereof, do find the ſaid *Joſeph Kirkbride*'s Land to be the moſt convenient Place, and the ſaid *Joſeph Kirkbride* the moſt fit Perſon to keep the ſaid Ferry: And the Queſtion being put, that Leave be given to the ſaid *Joſeph Kirkbride* to bring in a Bill to enable him to erect and maintain the ſaid Ferry, under ſuch Prices and Regulations as this Houſe ſhall approve of? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Omiſſion of nominating the Collector, and ſettling his Perquiſite in the Act, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels.*

Ordered, That a Supplement be made to the ſaid Act to amend and ſupply the ſaid Deficiencies; and that the ſaid Officer's Fee for his Trouble in collecting the ſaid Duty, and paying the ſame to the Treaſurer, ſhall be *One Penny* in the *Shilling*, and no more; and that *David Lloyd* do prepare and bring in the ſame.

John Sotcher acquainted the Houſe, that the Law by which he holds the Ferry from *Briſtol* to *Burlington* is near expired, and humbly requeſts that he may have Leave to bring in a Bill to continue his ſaid Ferry;

Ordered, That Leave be given to the ſaid *John Sotcher* to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Edward Farmar, being indiſpoſed, has Leave to go Home for his Health; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the ſeveral Bills, prepared and read only the firſt Time at the laſt Seſſion, be now read a ſecond Time, and debated.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Rights and Privileges of the Aſſembly of this Province*, was read the ſecond Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be committed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Attorney-General, *Andrew Hamilton*, preſented to the Houſe ſome Propoſals for puniſhing Acceſſaries to Felony, which were read, and ordered to be read again.

David Lloyd, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſupply ſome Omiſſions in a Law paſſed at the laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly held for this Province*, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To- morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 7.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſupply ſome Omiſſions in a Law paſſed at the laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly held for this Province*, intituled, *An Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels*, was read a ſecond Time, and an Amendment was made by the Houſe to the Bill.

A Speech made by the Governor at the Trial of the Criminals at *Cheſter* was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

The Houſe being informed, that ſome Perſons in this Government have made a Repreſentation to *Great-Britain*, complaining againſt the Trial of the Criminals, as being carried on without corporal Oaths.

1718. 3d Mo. 7. *Ordered*, That *Nicholas Waln*, and *Richard Hayes*, wait upon the Governor to acquaint him, the Houſe deſire a Conference with him upon the ſaid Information, and ſome other Matters, now under the Conſideration of this Houſe.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, that the Governor had told them, he would be ready to receive them in Half an Hour, at the Houſe of *Enoch Story*.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Abraham Bickley*, *Robert Jones*, *Toby Leech*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, be a Committee to attend the ſaid Conference, and the Speaker is deſired to accompany them; and that the Subject Matter of the ſaid Conference be, what is fitting to be done in reſpect to the ſaid Repreſentation; to deſire the Governor will pleaſe to favour the Houſe with his Sentiments about adapting ſuch Statutes of *England* to this Province as may be proper in our preſent Circumſtances, where our Laws are deficient; and alſo, that he will be pleaſed to permit that his Speech, at the Trial of the Criminals at *Cheſter*, may be printed; and then the Houſe adjourned for an Hour.

And the ſaid Committee went to attend the Conference accordingly: And being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appear'd; and *David Lloyd* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had attended on the Governor, according to Order; and that he had deſired them to acquaint the Houſe, that he has taken ſuch Meaſures at Home as will entirely quaſh the Progreſs of any Repreſentation from hence, without acquainting the Aſſembly of this Province therewith; and as to his Speech, the Houſe may uſe it as to them ſeems fit.

The Bill for ſupplying ſome Omiſſions in the Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels, was read the third Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed, and that the Clerk deliver the ſame to the Governor for his Peruſal.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to bring over, and put in Practce here, ſuch Statutes of *England* as the Cirucumſtances of this Place hath Occaſion for; and that References be made to the ſaid Statutes; and that *David Lloyd* do prepare and bring in the ſame accordingly at the next Meeting.

Joſeph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to agree with the Printer about printing the Laws, reported, that the ſaid Committee had treated with him accordingly; but had not fully agreed till all the Laws of this Seſſion ſhall be paſſed.

Ordered, That *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, attend this Houſe, in order to treat about printing the Laws.

And the ſaid *Andrew Bradford* attending accordingly, the Speaker, in Behalf of the Aſſembly, agreed with the ſaid Printer for *Thirty Pounds* for this Year for the Printing of all Laws, Votes, and other Buſineſs done by this Aſſembly; and all Proclamations, and other publick Inſtruments, fit and requiſite to be printed; alſo ſuch Laws as were enacted and now in Force ſince the laſt Printing of the Laws of this Province; and that he ſhall deliver, or cauſe to be delivered, one of the ſaid printed Copies or Books, of every Sort, to the Governor, and one to every Member of Council and Aſſembly; alſo one to every Juſtice of the Peace in the Government.

The Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do adjourn till the Nineteenth Inſtant? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till the Nineteenth Day of this inſtant *May* accordingly.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 19. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Thomas Watſon*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and ready to proceed to Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 20. The Houſe met, &c.

David Lloyd, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read again.

Abraham Bickley, and *Thomas Watſon*, reported, that they waited on the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor had told them, that he deſired a Conference with the Houſe, or a Committee, upon the Subject Matter of the laſt Conference, and ſome other Buſineſs, which he will then lay before them.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *John Wood*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe will appoint a Committee to confer with him according to his Requeſt, if he will pleaſe to appoint the Time and Place.

The Petition of *Honour Bedwell*, Widow of *William Clark*, late of *Lewes-Town*, in *Suſſex* County, praying that the Bill brought in for veſting the Houſe and Lot in *Philadelphia*, belonging to the ſaid *Clark*, in Truſtees for Sale, to pay *Anthony Houſton* a Debt due to him upon Bond, may not paſs; for the Reaſons therein offered; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Thomas

Thomas Stevenson and *John Wood* returned, and acquainted the House, that they had waited on the Governor according to Order, and that he desired the Committee to attend him at Six this Evening, at the House of *William Jones*. 1718. 3d Mo. 20.

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, Ground-rent Tenants; and also the Petition of sundry Landlords, both formerly presented to the House, and read, were now read a second Time, and debated.

Ordered, That Notice be given to the said Landlords and Tenants to attend this House, by themselves or Counsel, upon the Subject Matter of the said Petitions To-morrow at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for establishing a Ferry over* Delaware, *at the* Falls, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the continuing the Ferry from* Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to* Burlington, *in the Western Division of the Province of* New-Jersey, was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *Post Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent Multiplicity of Law-suits*, was read a second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act directing how petty Offences shall be punished*, was read a second Time; and, after some Time spent in the Debate thereof, the Question was put, that the said Bill be committed? *Passed in the Negative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual Recovery of Debts due from Foreigners, and Persons absconding, by attaching of their Lands, Monies, Goods and Chattels*, was read a second Time, and referred to further Consideration.

Ordered, That the same Committee that attended at the last Conference, attend the Governor also at the Conference intended this Evening; and that *Joseph Wilcox*, and *Edward Farmar*, be added to the said Committee; and the Speaker is desired to accompany them; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 21.

Joseph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to attend the Conference with the Governor, reported, that they had attended accordingly; and that the Governor, at the said Conference, had informed the Committee, that he had taken into Consideration the great Necessity there is that the Affirmation should pass in this Province, in the Place of an Oath in all Cases; and in order to promote the same, had drawn up something by Way of Address to the King, which he read to the Committee, and afterwards deliver'd to them to be laid before the House for their Approbation; and the same being deliver'd in at the Table, was read, and is as followeth.

To the KING's most excellent MAJESTY,

The humble ADDRESS and REPRESENTATION of the GOVERNOR *and* GENERAL ASSEMBLY *of your Majesty's Province of* Pennsylvania, *met at* Philadelphia, *the Day of* May, 1718.

Most gracious Sovereign,

Address and Representation of the Governor and Assembly to the King.

'WE your Majesty's most dutiful and loyal Subjects and Servants, being filled with a grateful and just Sense of that tender Care and Concern which your Majesty has, on every Occasion, been pleased to express for the Peace and Prosperity of all your People, do, with profound Humility and Submission, presume to address your sacred Majesty in behalf of your Majesty's good Subjects, the People of this Province, whom we have the Honour, at this Time, to represent in a Legislative Capacity.

'May it therefore please your Majesty to know, that in the Year 1681, this Colony was first settled by a considerable Number of *English* Subjects, called *Quakers*, under the Care, Encouragement and Direction of *William Penn*, Esq; our Proprietary and Governor in Chief.

'That the Persecution, which in those Days prevailed against Protestant Dissenters in *England*, was the principal Motive and Reason why the first Settlers of this Country removed their Estates and Families hither, where they might quietly and peaceably enjoy that innocent Liberty of Conscience, which they conceived to be every Man's natural Right.

'That by the unwearied Application, Industry and Expence of the Inhabitants, this Colony is now increased to a very considerable Body of People, whereof the Majority continue to remain in the Society of Friends, called *Quakers*.

'That such being the peculiar and distinguishing Circumstance of this, from any other Colony under your Majesty's Dominions in *America*, the Offices of Government must, of Necessity, be supply'd, and the Powers executed, by those of the *Quaker* Persuasion, intermixed with such others as are to be found here in the Communion of the Church of *England*,

1718. 3d Mo. 21.

'*England*, and good Proteſtant Subjects, well affected to your Majeſty and your Government.

'That the happy Influence of your Majeſty's moſt equal and juſt Adminiſtration every where, has perfectly united our Hearts and Minds to contribute our utmoſt Endeavours for carrying on the Buſineſs of the Government of this Province in ſuch Manner as may be moſt agreeable and acceptable to your Majeſty, and your Miniſtry at Home.

'That for this End we have laboured, more eſpecially of late, to regulate the Proceedings in our Courts of Judicature as near as poſſible could be done to the Conſtitution and Practice of the Laws of *England*.

'That from many Years Experience we are not only convinced that the ſolemn Affirmation, allowed in *Great-Britain* to the People called *Quakers*, doth in all Reſpects, and in every Caſe here, anſwer the legal and eſſential Purpoſes of an Oath, but alſo the growing Condition of this Colony, which brings great Numbers of People yearly from *Europe* to reſide amongſt us.

'The Multitude of Pirates Abroad, and other looſe vagrant People, who are daily crowding in to ſhelter themſelves under the peaceable Adminiſtration of this Government, and the abſolute Neceſſity that there is to puniſh ſuch as ſhall dare to oppoſe and break through the known Laws of Society and Humanity, lays us under the greateſt Obligations, with Security of our own Lives, as well as to the juſt Maintenance of your Majeſty's royal Authority over us, not to reject or deſpiſe the ſolemn Affirmation allowed to the *Quakers*; without which, we humbly beg Leave to aſſure your Majeſty, Judges, Juries, nor Evidences ſufficient, could ever yet be found here in the moſt criminal and notorious Caſes.

'That formerly it having been found impracticable to keep and preſerve the Publick Peace, within this Government, any other Way than by admitting the ſolemn Affirmation, in all Caſes whatſoever, to have the ſame Force and Effect in Law as an Oath: Upon a Repreſentation thereof from the Board of Trade, the late Queen *ANNE*, by an Order in Council, dated the 21ſt Day of *January*, 1702-3, was pleaſed to direct in the Alternative, *viz.* "That all Perſons acting in any judicial or other Offices within this Province of *Pennſylvania*, and Three Lower Counties, upon *Delaware*, ſhould be obliged to take an Oath, "or in Lieu thereof the ſolemn Affirmation, allowed in *England* to the People called "*Quakers*; and that in all their publick or judicial Proceedings the ſaid Judges and Officers "ſhall be obliged to adminiſter the Oaths appointed by Law, or the ſaid Atteſtation."

'That the *Quakers* in general having approved themſelves to be an induſtrious and quiet People, moſt heartily attached unto your Majeſty's royal Perſon and Government; your loyal Subjects of that Perſuaſion in this Province, do humbly hope that your Majeſty will vouchaſe to indulge their tender Conſciences in the Caſe of Oaths, with the ſame Freedom that has been granted unto them by your royal Predeceſſors, and thereby we ſhall effectually be enabled to perform our reſpective Duties in preſerving your Majeſty's Peace within the Juriſdiction of this Province, and to inforce the juſt Regard and Obedience due unto your royal Authority, as becomes, may it pleaſe your Majeſty, your Majeſty's moſt loyal, moſt faithful, and moſt obedient Subjects and Servants.'

The Petition of ſundry Victuallers and Butchers, Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying that the Inhabitants of *Jerſey* may be obliged to bring their Cattle hither alive, and kill them here, or elſe not be permitted to ſell their Meat, was read a ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying an Alteration may be made in the Currency of the Money; and that Country Produce ſhould be made current Pay at a certain Price, was read a ſecond Time.

The Bills, intituled, *An Act impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors in Publick Houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick Stables: An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Delaware, *at the* Falls: *And an Act for continuing the Ferry from* Briſtol *to* Burlington, were read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Richard Hayes*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Sundry Perſons, Ground-rent Tenants, appeared according to Order, who having appointed *Thomas Griffith*, *Hugh Durborow*, *Daniel Radley*, and *Stephen Jackſon*, as Managers of their Buſineſs before the Houſe, on Behalf of themſelves and others, deſired that their Rents may be paid in the ſame Currency, and at the ſame Value as Money went at the Time when their reſpective Grants commenced; and the Petition of the ſaid Tenants was alſo read: They alſo produced ſundry Receipts, wherein it appeared that the Landlords had, ſince the Alteration of Money, received their Rents in the former Currency.

Sundry Perſons who are Landlords appeared alſo, according to Order, and laid their Caſe before the Houſe as their Petition ſets forth; and alſo alledged that great Part of their Ground-rents were contracted when Money was more valuable, and the Currency nearer

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Sterling than now it is. The ſaid Landlords ſhewed ſome Deeds, reſerving their Rents in the Currency for the Time being; and, after hearing the Arguments on both Sides, both Parties deſired, that before the Houſe came to any Concluſion in the Matter, they may be reſpectively heard by their Counſel at the Bar of this Houſe, or before a Committee, as the Houſe ſhall think fit: And they being ordered to withdraw, the Houſe, upon Conſideration of the Matter, 1718. 3d Mo. 21.

Reſolved, That ſince their Counſel is not now ready, the ſaid Petitioners, upon Application, ſhall be heard by their Counſel at a more convenient Time, other Buſineſs of greater Moment now being before the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver the ſaid Petitioners a Copy of the ſaid Reſolve; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 3d Mo. 22.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Richard Hayes brought to the Houſe two Bills committed to *Jeremiah Langhorne* and himſelf, *viz.*

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over *Delaware*, at the *Falls*; and, an Act for continuing the Ferry at *Briſtol* over the River *Delaware* to *Burlington*, in *Weſt-Jerſey*; which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame were ſeverally read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over *Delaware*, at the *Falls*, be ſent to the Governor to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion was alſo put, that the ſaid Bill for continuing the Ferry from *Briſtol* to *Burlington* do paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, was read the ſecond Time; and a Debate ariſing thereupon,

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the ſaid Bill and the Addreſs to the King; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee to whom the Bill for impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors, &c. was committed, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read the third Time: And the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent to the Governor, in order to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

David Lloyd, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, was committed, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; but not having Time to finiſh the ſame, the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith reſolve into a Committee of the whole Houſe, further to proceed upon the Conſideration of the Buſineſs to them referred; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 23.

David Lloyd, from the Grand Committee, to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, was referred, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein; and alſo that the Committee had agreed upon an Alteration or Amendment to be made to the Addreſs to the King, which he delivered in at the Table; but that the Committee having not quite finiſhed the ſaid Bill, had deſired further Time to proceed therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Amendment to the Addreſs to the King be read forthwith; which was done accordingly, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Wood*, carry the ſaid Addreſs, and Propoſals of Amendment, to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will forthwith reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider farther of the ſaid Bill for Advancement of Juſtice, *&c.* and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

An Order was iſſued under the Speaker's Hand to the Provincial Treaſurer for *Seven Pounds, Two Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, to *William Pawlett*, Door-keeper and Meſſenger to the Council, as *per* his Account exhibited to and allowed by this Houſe.

David Lloyd, from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom the Bill for the better Advancement of Juſtice, *&c.* was referred, reported, that the ſaid Committee had made ſeveral Amendments to the ſaid Bill, which were read, and agreed to by the Houſe: And the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, being read the third Time, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be ſent to the Governor, in order to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

1718. 3d Mo. 24. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Secretary brought to the Houſe the Addreſs to the King ingroſſed on Parchment, and ſigned by the Governor, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor deſired the Aſſembly to ſign the ſame by their Speaker.

The Stile of the ſaid Addreſs being in the Plural Term (You) and the Majority of this Aſſembly being of the People called *Quakers*, the Houſe intirely agree to the Matter and Subſtance of the ſaid Addreſs; but except only againſt ſome Part of the Stile: And the Queſtion being put, that the Speaker ſign the ſame, with the Exception aforeſaid? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to acquaint the Governor, that it is the humble Requeſt of this Houſe, that if the Council are not privy to the ſaid Addreſs, it may be communicated to them for their Concurrence; and that a Motion be made to them to join with ſome of the Veſtry, or Members of the Church of *England*, in an Addreſs to the King of the ſame Nature and Purport of the ſaid Addreſs.

The Bills, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*; *an Act impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors in Publick-houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick-ſtables*; *an Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Delaware, *at the* Falls; and *an Act for continuing the Ferry from* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to* Burlington, *in the* Weſtern *Diviſion of the Province of* New-Jerſey, being tranſcribed,

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Nicholas Waln*, carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor for his Peruſal; and alſo the Addreſs to the King, the Speaker having ſigned the ſame by Order of the Houſe; and that they acquaint the Governor, that the Houſe incline to adjourn till the Twenty-eighth Inſtant.

The Petition of *Francis Rawles*, and *Joſeph Jones*, in Behalf of themſelves, and others, Landlords, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, praying, that before any Thing be done in the Buſineſs betwixt them and their Tenants, now before the Houſe, they may be heard by their Counſel at the Bar of the Houſe.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Salary allowed the preſent Attorney-General, *Andrew Hamilton*, for this Year, be augmented? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Thomas Stevenſon* has Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-eighth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

3d Mo. 28. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has conſidered the Bills laid before him, for his Peruſal, at the laſt Adjournment.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, that ſince the laſt Adjournment the Governor had called a Council to conſider the Bills laid before him, and the Addreſs to the King (at which he was preſent) and had, upon reading the ſaid Bills, and Addreſs to the King in Council, aſſured the Council, from the Aſſembly, that (notwithſtanding the Council is not allowed, in this Province, to be any Part of the Legiſlative Power) this Houſe is willing, and deſirous, to have their Opinion and Conſent in all Matters of Moment; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 29. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones reported, that he, with the other Member appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, attended on him accordingly; and that the Governor was pleaſed to acquaint them, that the Bills he laſt received from the Houſe, were before the Council, and that the ſame ſhould be returned ſome time to Day.

David Lloyd laid before the Houſe two Bills, intituled, *An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying Titles and pretended Rights*: And, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor*; which were ſeverally read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Abraham Bickley has Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions.

James Logan, on a Meſſage from the Governor, brought to the Houſe the Bills, intituled,

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over Delaware *at the* Falls.

An Act for continuing the Ferry from Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to* Burlington, *in the* Weſtern Diviſion *of the Province of* New-Jerſey.

An Act impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors in Publick-houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick-ſtables, without any Amendment. And,

An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof, with ſome Propoſals of Amendment, which he delivered at the Table. And he alſo informed the Houſe, that the Governor had laid the Addreſs to the King before the Council; and that they had propoſed an Alteration to be made to the ſaid Addreſs; and that the Governor had deſired the Houſe to appoint a Committee to confer with him and the Council thereupon.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Amendments for the Bill for Advancement of Juſtice, *&c.* be conſidered this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, &c.

Ordered, That the Bills, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Omiſſions in the Act for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels.*

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over Delaware, *at the Falls.*

An Act for continuing the Ferry from Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to* Burlington, *in the* Weſtern Diviſion *of the Province of* New-Jerſey. And,

An Act impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors in Publick-houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick-ſtables, be ingroſſed.

3d Mo. 29. Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe, according to Order, took into Conſideration, the Governor's Amendments to the Bill for Advancement of Juſtice, which, after ſome Debate thereon, was agreed to by the Houſe, and inſerted in the ſaid Bills.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Wood*, attend the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have agreed to the ſaid Amendments; and alſo that they acquaint the Governor the Houſe agrees to the propoſed Conference, and deſire that he will be pleaſed to appoint the Time and Place for the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

3d Mo. 30.

Jeremiah Langhorne, and *John Wood*, reported, that they waited on the Governor according to Order, and delivered him the Bill for Advancement of Juſtice, &c. and the Amendments to the ſaid Bill as agreed to by the Houſe, and that the Governor had appointed this Evening, at Five a Clock, at the Houſe of *William Jones*, for the propoſed Conference.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying of Titles and pretended Rights*, was read a ſecond Time, and committed.

Anthony Houſton appeared by his Council, and made it manifeſt, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, that a certain Liſt or Schedule of Lands, in the Lower Counties, annexed to the Petition of *Honour Bedwell*, was falſe, and that there was no ſuch Lands belonging to the Eſtate of *William Clark*; and no body appearing to back the ſaid Petition, *William Hudſon*, of *Philadelphia*, was ſent for; who appearing, declared he had no Power or Orders from the ſaid *Honour Bedwell* in that Affair. *Clement Plumſted* alſo being ſent for, and Enquiry being made if he had ought to ſay in Behalf of the ſaid *Honour*, or againſt the Bill; he informed the Houſe, that he had no Power or Orders about the ſaid Houſe and Lot from the Widow ſince her Huſband's Deceaſe.

The ſaid *Anthony Houſton*'s Counſel alſo informed the Houſe, that ſundry Perſons, who had formerly obtained Judgments and Executions in the Lower Counties againſt the Eſtate of *William Clark*, ſenior, could find nothing to lay them on; and therefore deſired that the ſaid Bill, for Relief of the ſaid *Anthony Houſton*, might paſs; and then the ſaid *Anthony Houſton*, and his Counſel, by Order, withdrew; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Houſe and Lot of Ground, lying in* Philadelphia, *late the Eſtate and Inheritance of* William Clark, *of* Lewes, *in the County of* Suſſex, *deceaſed, in Truſtees to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts*, &c. be read a ſecond Time? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That a Clauſe be added to give the Widow of the ſaid *William Clark*, junior, Liberty till the ſixteenth Day of *November* next, to pay the Debts due on the ſaid Eſtate, and that the ſaid Houſe and Lot be not ſold, by the Truſtees propoſed, till after that Time: And then the ſaid Bill was committed to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Joſeph Wilcox*, and *Richard Hayes*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

Poſt Meridiem.

Several Landlords of Ground-rent attended with their Counſel, but the Tenants not appearing,

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes* acquaint the ſaid Landlords, that the Houſe thinks it not convenient to hear them in the Abſence of their Tenants, and therefore have agreed to defer that Matter till a more convenient Time; but that this Houſe will do nothing in this Affair without firſt acquainting them therewith.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor*, being, for better Diſpatch of Buſineſs, and want of Time, read the third Time; the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent to the Governor, in order to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying of Titles and pretended Rights*, was alſo read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent to the Governor, in order to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *John Wood*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Robert Jones*, be a Committee to attend the Governor this Evening at the Conference; and that they carry with them the Bills, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor*;

1718. *Poor*; and *an Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying of Titles and pretended Rights*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3d Mo. 30. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

3d Mo. 31. *Ordered*, That the Bill for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof, be ingroſſed.

David Lloyd, from the Committee appointed to attend the Conference, reports, that they had attended the Governor according to Order; and that the Governor had propoſed an Alteration to be made to the Addreſs to the King, to which the Committee thought fit to agree, and wherewith he acquainted the Houſe, who approved of the ſame.

James Logan, on a Meſſage from the Governor, brought to the Houſe the Bill, intituled, *An Act for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor*, with ſome Amendments; and alſo the Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery*, and *buying of Titles and pretended Rights*; which ſaid laſt mentioned Bill, he informed the Houſe, the Governor thought to be of great Conſequence; that without mature Conſideration, and great Care in the Draught, might be prejudicial to many of the Inhabitants of this Province in their juſt Rights, and therefore propoſed the deferring it till the next Meeting.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments to the Bill for ſupplying ſome Defects in the Law for the Relief of the Poor; and, after ſome Debate, agreed to divers of them, and cauſed them to be inſerted in the Bill.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and deliver him the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments as agreed to by the Houſe.

The ſaid Members returned, and reported, they delivered the Bill and the Amendments to the Governor; who read the ſame, and then delivered it to them again; and which they delivered to the Speaker.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Andrew Bradford*, ſetting forth, that he has been at a conſiderable Expence in finding out the right Method of making Lamp-black, and having compleated the ſame, deſires Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit all others from making Lamp-black for twenty Years, was read:

Ordered, That he attend the Houſe at their next Sitting, and acquaint them at what Rates he can afford to ſell it.

Joſeph Wilcox brought to the Houſe the Bill for veſting the Houſe and Lot in *Philadelphia*, being the Eſtate and Inheritance of *William Clark*, late of *Lewes*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in Truſtees for Payment of his Debts, *&c.* the ſame being amended according to the Order of the Houſe, which he delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be read the third Time; which was done accordingly; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent to the Governor, in Order to be paſſed into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Thomas Watſon*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Bill for his Peruſal; and alſo to deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall attend him with their Bills, in order to have them paſſed into Laws.

The ſaid Members returned and reported, that they delivered the ſaid Bill to the Governor, who told them, he would peruſe the ſame, and return it to the Houſe as ſoon as poſſible, and alſo would ſend Word when he would be attended by the Houſe.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the ſaid Bill for veſting the Houſe and Lot in *Philadelphia*, being the Eſtate and Inheritance of *William Clark*, of *Lewes*, in the County of *Suſſex*, in Truſtees for Payment of his Debts, *&c.* without any Amendment.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that an Agency be ſettled in *London*, for negotiating the Publick Affairs of this Province, eſpecially to preſent an Addreſs to the King, ſigned by the Governor, and the Speaker of this Aſſembly; and alſo to uſe Endeavours to obtain the royal Approbation to ſuch of our Laws as ſhall be tranſmitted thither from Time to Time, and that the Governor and Council be deſired to appoint an Agent for that Purpoſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be iſſued out of the Treaſury of this Province, by Order under the Speaker's Hand, for ſuch an Agent, and to defray the neceſſary and contingent Charges of his Negotiation in the Premiſes? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Speaker (being a Member of Council) be deſired to be one concerned, and preſent, at the ſettling the ſaid Agency.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Robert Aſheton*, that the Governor is now in Council, and ready to receive the Houſe, and expects their Attendance immediately: And accordingly the

the Speaker and the Assembly went to wait upon the Governor with the ingrossed Bills, in order to have them passed into Laws; and being returned, the Speaker assumed the Chair, and acquainted the House, that he had presented to the Governor several ingrossed Bills, to which he was pleased to give his Assent; and to pass them into Laws, the Titles whereof are as follows, *viz.* 1718. 3d Mo. 31.

An Act to supply some Omissions in a Law passed at the last Sessions of Assembly, held for this Province, intituled, *An Act for raising a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Vessels.*

An Act for establishing a Ferry over Delaware, *at the* Falls.

An Act for continuing the Ferry from Bristol, *in the County of* Bucks, *to* Burlington, *in the* Western *Division of the Province of* New-Jersey.

An Act impowering the Justices to settle the Prices of Liquors in Publick Houses, and Provender for Horses in Publick Stables.

An Act for the Advancement of Justice, and more certain Administration thereof. And,

An Act for vesting a House and Lot in Philadelphia, *being the Estate and Inheritance of* William Clark, *of* Lewes, *in the County of* Sussex, *in Trustees for Payment of his Debts,* &c.

And that the Governor had appointed two of the Council, *viz. Isaac Norris*, and *James Logan*, to go with *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Watson*, who were desired, on Behalf of the Assembly, to see the Great Seal, at the Rolls Office, affixed to the said Laws; and that the Governor had likewise made a Speech to the Assembly, whereof he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Governor's Speech.

'THE valuable and wholesome Laws, which have been composed with so much Care by your diligent Application, and the great Temper and perfect Unanimity wherewith the Publick Affairs have been carried through all the Parts of the Administration of this Government for these twelve Months last past, must, doubtless, by this Time, have convinced all the Men of Reason amongst us, of the many and great Advantages that such a Harmony secures to the common Weal.

'You may be assured it will always be Matter of Conscience, as well as Duty, with me, to promote the general Good and Interest of this Province, to the utmost of my Capacity, every where; and I hope the publick Advantage of my being sufficiently enabled to perform that Service will more and more daily appear, both to yourselves and your Constituents.

'Gentlemen, I cannot but consider the great Confidence you have placed in my Opinion and Conduct as a most sincere Mark of your Affection to me, and my hearty Endeavours shall not be wanting to answer all your just Expectations; but having Ground to expect that you will give me another Opportunity of meeting you here again, as soon as the Season of Harvest, now at Hand, will conveniently permit, I shall refer what I have further to say until that Time, it being my Desire to make the Publick Service as much consistent with all your other Affairs, and thereby easy to yourselves, as possibly can be contrived.'

Ordered, That the Speaker do sign one or more Duplicates of the Address to the King, if presented to him by the Governor to sign.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox* revise the Minutes of this Session, for which he shall be satisfied as immediate Service of the House; and that afterwards they be fairly transcribed by the Clerk, examined by the Speaker, and sent to the Coffee-house for publick View.

Nathaniel Newlin, and *Thomas Watson*, reported, they had seen the Great Seal affixed to the Laws now passed, as the House desired.

Ordered, That the Clerk do make out a Copy of the Laws for the Printer.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue an Order to the Provincial Treasurer for the Sum of *Eight Pounds*, payable to *Maurice Lisle*, Clerk of this Assembly; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker issue an Order to the Provincial Treasurer for *Three Pounds*, payable to *Nicholas Rosogan*, Door-keeper of this Assembly; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Joseph Wilcox*, and *Abraham Bickley*, do take Care to forward the Printing of the Laws passed this Assembly, and also such Laws, now in Force, as were passed by former Assemblies, and not yet printed; and the Speaker is desired to assist them therein.

And then the Question being put, that this House do adjourn till the fifteenth Day of *September* next? *Passed in the Affirmative.* And then the House adjourned till the fifteenth Day of *September* next accordingly. Adjournment.

THE House met pursuant to their Adjournment. 7th Mo. 15.

Ordered, That *Thomas Watson*, and *James Gibbons*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the House is met according to Adjournment, and desire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning. Adjournment.

1718. The Houſe met, *&c.*

7th Mo. 16. *Thomas Watſon*, and the other Member, appointed to wait upon the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor had told them, he had no new Matter to lay before the Houſe.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, that he, and ſome of the Members appointed to forward the Printing the Laws, had, ſeveral Times, been with the Printer, and preſſed him to perform the ſame.

Ordered, That *Andrew Bradford* be ſent for, to give the Houſe his Reaſons why he delays the Printing of the Laws: Who appearing, informed the Houſe, That for want of ſome Laws that were paſſed by former Aſſemblies, which are expected to be printed, and muſt precede thoſe that paſſed ſince, he could not proceed.

Ordered, That the Minutes from the Nineteenth of *May* be read forthwith; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Joſeph Bond*, wait upon the Governor, to deſire to know if he has conſidered the Bill againſt unlawful Maintenance, and Champerty, *&c.* laid before him at the laſt Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired, with ſome other Members of the Houſe, to overlook the Minutes, and take an Account what Bills, and other Buſineſs begun by this Aſſembly, remains yet unfiniſhed.

Ordered, That the Committee appointed the Sixteenth of *January* laſt, to inſpect the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector, and to call upon the Prothonotary of the Provincial Court for an Account of all Fines and Forfeitures eſtreated, and come to his Hands, be continued to finiſh the Buſineſs to them referred.

Nathaniel Newlin, and *Joſeph Bond*, returned, and reported, they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he had told them, the Bill ſhould be ſent to this Houſe this Afternoon.

The Speaker informed the Houſe, that the Governor had laid before him two Duplicates of the Addreſs to the King, which (according to the Order of the Houſe) he had ſigned.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to know what Care has been taken to ſettle an Agency for this Province in *Great-Britain*, and who the Agent is; and whether the Addreſs to the King, ſigned by the Speaker, is ſent Home, and to whom? Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who had informed them, that the Addreſs was ſent Home quickly after the laſt Adjournment to one of the Secretaries of State; and that he had writ Home, to be adviſed of a fit Perſon for the ſaid Agency; but had no Anſwer as yet.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Richard Hayes*, and *John Wood*, be a Committee to take and ſettle all Accounts for immediate Service of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd, from the Committee of Accounts for immediate Services of this Aſſembly, reports, that they have made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; but not having all the Accounts brought in, they deſired Leave to ſit again; which is granted.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was brought to the Houſe, and read, which is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage. ‘THE Form of a Law againſt unlawful Maintenance, and the Purchaſing of pretend-
‘ed Titles, which you recommend to my Peruſal, ſeems to deſerve mature Conſide-
‘ration, and ought to be very judiciouſly adviſed; and ſince I cannot prudently take that
‘whole Burden upon myſelf, I muſt deſire you will pleaſe to give the Gentlemen of the
‘Council ſome reaſonable Time to examine the Draught, and to give you their Opinions
‘of it.

‘I, for my Part, am ready to paſs this or any Law which you ſhall judge to be for the
‘Country's Advantage; only upon your Account, as well as mine, I wiſh that this Particular
‘may be expede with ſuch Caution as that no Reflection can poſſibly be thrown hereafter
‘either upon me or your Houſe.’

Adjournment. And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

7th Mo. 17. The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd reported, that the Committee of Accounts, for immediate Service, had not had in all the Accounts, and therefore deſired Leave to ſit again; which is granted.

Joſeph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Treaſurer's and Collector's Accounts, and to enquire of the Prothonotary about the Fines and Forfeitures, reported, that they had demanded of the ſaid Prothonotary the ſaid Account, who anſwered, that the Accounts of the Eſtreats, in the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, were not come to his Hands; and

and that the Collector, not knowing he ſhould be now called to an Account; was not ready, but would attend the Committee when they meet again. 1718.

The Speaker alſo acquainted the Houſe, that he, with the other Members appointed to inſpect the Minutes, had made ſome Progreſs therein, but not having finiſhed the ſame, deſired further Time to proceed therein; which is granted. *7th Mo.* 17.

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes*, and *Joſeph Bond*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire his Anſwer to the Bill againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, *&c.* for that this Houſe is deſirous to have the ſame paſſed this Seſſion, in order to be printed with the reſt of the Laws; and that they inform the Governor, that the ſaid Bill agrees in Subſtance with the Statute; and therefore hope there will be the leſs Occaſion for Amendments; and that they deſire the Governor to ſend to this Houſe a Copy of the Minutes of Council about the Agency.

The ſaid Members returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor had told them, that if the Bill was now ſent him from the Houſe, he would call his Council to conſider of it; and that he would ſend the Houſe a Copy of the Minutes of Council about the Agency.

Ordered, That the ſaid Members carry the ſaid Bill to the Governor forthwith; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd, from the Committee appointed to take and ſettle the Accounts for immediate Service of Aſſembly, reported, that they had made ſome further Progreſs therein, but that all the ſaid Accounts were not yet laid before them, and therefore deſired further Time to proceed in the ſaid Buſineſs; which is granted.

Joſeph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Treaſurer's and Collector's Accounts, *&c.* reports, that they had made ſome Progreſs in examining the Collector's Accounts, and find them ſo far very juſt and fair; but that the Treaſurer being out of Town, they could do nothing with him; and that the Prothonotary promiſed to draw out a Copy of the Eſtreats of the Fines and Forfeitures returned to his Office.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued, and that the Treaſurer do attend them To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *7th Mo.* 18.

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee appointed to take and ſettle Accounts of immediate Services in Aſſembly, reported, that they had received and ſettled ſeveral Accounts, *viz.*

	£		
Thomas Todd's Account for Glazier's Work, — — —	1	3	4½
Thomas Stapleford's Account for a Cheſt Lock, *&c.* for the Publick Papers,	1	19	6
David Lloyd's Account for drawing Bills, and divers other Services for Aſſembly, — — —	23	8	0
Maurice Liſle's Account for Clerkſhip to this Aſſembly, —	23	15	0
Joſeph Wilcox's Account for drawing Bills, and regulating the Minutes,	5	0	0

And that ſundry other Accounts were laid before the Committee, which do not relate to immediate Service of this Aſſembly, *viz.*

Charles Brockden's Account, amounting to — —	49	5	1½
Edward Farmar's Account of Liquors and Goods delivered the *Indians*, the Ballance whereof is *Sixteen Pounds Sixteen Shillings* and *Eleven-pence*;	16	16	11

Both which Accounts the Committee refers to the Conſideration of the Houſe.

Charles Brockden's Account for publick Services, from the Year 1713, to this Time, having been laid before the Committee, and by them referred to the Conſideration of the Houſe, was read, and ordered to be read again this Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Maſter of the Rolls do not put the Great Seal to any Commiſſions for the future, but ſuch as ſhall be ingroſſed on Parchment; and that he bring in his Account of publick Services to the Aſſembly yearly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Queſtion was put, that *Joſeph Wilcox*'s Account for immediate Service of this Aſſembly, as reported by the Committee, be allowed by the Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion was put, that *David Lloyd*'s Account, as reported by the Committee, be allowed by the Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion was put, that *Maurice Liſle*'s Account, as reported by the Committee, be allowed by the Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Charles Brockden's Account, for publick Services from the 18th of the *Third Month*, 1713, to the 12th of *September*, 1718, amounting to the Sum of *Forty-nine Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *One Penny Half-penny*, being conſidered by this Houſe, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Account be allowed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The

1718. The Speaker laid before the Houſe an Account of what Buſineſs appeared upon the Journal to be yet unfiniſhed, which was read.

7th Mo. 18. *Ralph Aſheton*'s Account as Clerk of the Council for the Year 1718, and ſundry other publick Services, amounting to the Sum of being preſented to the Houſe, was read.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts, of immediate Services, *&c.* do examine the ſaid Account, and report it To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

7th Mo. 19. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Joſeph Wilcox, from the Committee appointed to inſpect the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector, reports, that they had got an Account out of the Collector's Books of what Money appeared to be riſen on the ſeveral Duties and Exciſe, impoſed by Acts of this Aſſembly; which Account he delivered to the Speaker, who ordered the ſame to be read, which was done accordingly.

The Governor, by *Ralph Aſheton*, ſent to the Houſe the Minutes of the Council, about ſettling an Agent in *Great-Britain*, for the Publick Service of this Province, which he delivered to the Speaker, who ordered the ſame to be read; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Richard Hayes*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know if the Laws paſſed by this Aſſembly be tranſmitted Home with the Addreſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones reports, that he, with the other Member appointed to wait upon the Governor, attended him with their Meſſage accordingly; and that the Governor had informed them, that the Laws were not ſent Home; but that they ſhould be ſent with the firſt Opportunity, if the Houſe thinks fit.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bill againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, *&c.* and alſo a written Meſſage, which he delivered to the Speaker, who ordered the ſame to be read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage. 'I DO not find but that the Gentlemen of the Council will, at any Time, be ready to 'agree with the Opinion of this Aſſembly, that a Law againſt unlawful Maintenance, and 'Champerty, will be of ſome Uſe and Advantage to this Province; wherefore no Body has 'any Reaſon to doubt either the Council's Good-will or mine for the Paſſing of ſuch a Law.

'Yet, nevertheleſs, it is conceived that a Law of this Nature ought to be deliberately and 'leiſurely adviſed upon, with ſome or all the Gentlemen of Character who profeſs the Law 'in this Place.

'It will therefore, in my humble Opinion, be moſt prudent, as well as give the greateſt 'Satisfaction, that the Paſſing of this Law be deferred until the next Opportunity; when, 'you may be aſſured, it ſhall, upon your Recommendation, be particularly acceptable 'to me.'

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Reſolve of this Houſe of the Twenty-ſeventh of *May* laſt, for augmenting the Attorney-General's Salary above the *Forty Pounds* allowed him by the laſt Aſſembly for that Service the 23d of *Auguſt*, 1717; and, after ſome Debate thereupon, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* be allowed the Attorney-General, *Andrew Hamilton*, out of the Publick Treaſury of this Province, as an Augmentation to the ſaid Salary.

Ordered, That the Speaker do iſſue an Order to the Provincial Treaſurer, payable to the ſaid *Andrew Hamilton*, for the ſaid Sum of *Twenty Pounds*.

Ordered, That *Abraham Bickley*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that it is the Requeſt of this Houſe, that the Laws, and eſpecially the Law *for Advancement of Juſtice*, be tranſmitted Home with all poſſible Speed.

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who had told them, that if poſſible the Laws could be got copied, they ſhould be ſent Home by the Ship *London-Hope*, *John Annis Maſter*, for *London*; but that the Law *for Advancement of Juſtice* ſhould go without Fail.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for their Service in this Aſſembly; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Clerk ſign a Ticket to the Speaker for his Service this Aſſembly, being Forty-five Days, at *Ten Shillings per* Day, amounting to *Twenty-two Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign Orders (to the following Perſons) on the Treaſurer for the Payment of their ſeveral Sums, being allowed for the immediate Service of this Aſſembly, *&c. viz.*

To

To *Thomas Todd*,	£	1	3	4½	1718.	
To *Thomas Stapleford*,		1	19	6		
To *David Lloyd*,		23	8	0	*7th Mo.* 19.	
To *Maurice Liſle*,		23	15	0		
To *Joſeph Wilcox*,		5	0	0		
	£	55	5	10½		

Maurice Liſle, delivered in his Account of Attendance as Clerk of the Aſſembly, and for Paper, &c. amounting to the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*, of which he has received, by an Order on the Treaſurer, dated the 31ſt of *May*, 1718, *Eight Pounds*, and the Ballance due to him being *Seven Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Eleven Pence*,

Ordered, That the Speaker do iſſue an Order to the Provincial Treaſurer, payable to the ſaid *Maurice Liſle*, for the ſaid Sum of *Seven Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*.

Nicholas Roſogan delivered in his Account of Attendance as Door-keeper to this Aſſembly, amounting to the Sum of *Six Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, of which he has received, by an Order on the Treaſurer, dated the 31ſt of *May*, 1718, *Three Pounds*, and the Ballance due to him being *Three Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Six-pence*,

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order to the Provincial Treaſurer, payable to the ſaid *Nicholas Roſogan* for the ſaid Sum.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the Minutes or Journal of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned to the Twenty-ninth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, as above,

WILLIAM TRENT, Speaker.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1718.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties of *Philadelphia*, *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, and the City of *Philadelphia*, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Robert Jones,	*David Lloyd*,	*William Biles*,
Edward Farmar,	*Richard Hayes*,	*Thomas Stevenſon*,
Richard Hill,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
William Fiſhbourn,	*John Wright*,	*John Sotcher*,
Clement Plumſted,	*James Gibbons*,	*Joſeph Bond*,
Morris Morris,	*Henry Lewis*,	*William Paxton*,
Jonathan Dickinſon,	*William Lewis*,	*Joſeph Kirkbride*,
Matthias Holſton.	*Henry Oburn.*	*John Swift.*

City of Philadelphia.
Iſrael Pemberton, *Iſaac Norris.*

A QUORUM of the ſaid Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges direct, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker; and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Eſq; was elected, *Nemine Contradicente*, Speaker of this Aſſembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair. 1718. *8th Mo.* 14.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe, in

1718. 8th Mo. 14. order to preſent him: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he had appointed To-morrow Morning, at Ten a Clock, for the Aſſembly to preſent their Speaker.

Ordered, That Qualifications be prepared by the Clerk, to be taken and ſubſcribed by the Members of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to attend him with their Speaker: Who returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who let them know, that as ſoon as his Council came together, he would ſend the Houſe Notice to attend him.

The Governor, by *Ralph Aſheton*, Clerk of the Council, acquainted the Houſe, that he is now ready to receive them: And accordingly the Aſſembly went to wait upon the Governor, and to preſent their Speaker, who was pleaſed to approve of him; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to the Aſſembly, of which he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered, That the ſame be read when the Speaker and the Members have taken the Qualifications as the Law directs.

The ſeveral Members following took and ſubſcribed the Teſt of Allegiance and Supremacy, ſettled by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Queen ANNE, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate the Elections*, viz. *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Eſq; Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Edward Farmar*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Morris Morris*, *Matthias Holſton*, *Iſrael Pemberton*, *David Lloyd*, *Richard Hayes*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *James Gibbons*, *Henry Lewis*, *Henry Oburn*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *John Sotcher*, *Joſeph Bond*, *William Paxton*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *John Swift*, and took their Seats in the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Wright, and *William Lewis*, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for *Cheſter* County, craved to be admitted to ſubſcribe the Qualification, allowed in former Aſſemblies to ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take the ſolemn Affirmation, formerly allowed in *Great-Britain*; which, after ſome Debate, was allowed, and the ſaid two Members were qualified accordingly, and took their Seats in the Houſe.

The Governor's Speech, according to Order, was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker,

Governor's Speech. 'THE Modeſty and Candour of your Deportment for many Years, in publick Buſi-
'neſs, has, at this Time, in the two moſt eminent Stations, juſtly determined the
'Choice both of the City and Country in general, and this flouriſhing City in particular,
'upon you Sir.

'And from this good Beginning, I promiſe myſelf, that by your prudent Example and
'Conduct, they will at laſt be perſuaded, heartily to unite in all ſuch Matters as plainly
'tend to the Honour and Advantage of this Province.

'Gentlemen, I know it is uſual with you to adjourn yourſelves for a ſhort Time at this
'Seaſon; ſo that I ſhall not trouble you further now, but refer ſuch Matters as I have to lay
'before you until you can more conveniently meet to ſit upon Buſineſs.'

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 16. And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have qualified themſelves according to the Laws of this Province, and deſire to know if he has any other or further Qualification to propoſe; and that they deſire the Governor will pleaſe to favour the Houſe with the Acts of Parliament, Firſt GEORGII, Sixth ANNÆ, and Seventh and Eighth GULIELMI.

The ſaid Members returned and reported, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he was of Opinion, that the Houſe ſhould take and ſubſcribe the Oath or Atteſt of Abjuration preſcribed by the Act of Parliament, Firſt GEORGII, becauſe it is the Practice of the Houſe of Commons in *England*, and the Plantations, ſo to do upon any new Entrance upon publick Buſineſs, or into any Place of Truſt, and alſo brought the ſaid Statutes; and, after ſome Debate, the following Members took and ſubſcribed the Atteſt of Abjuration, *viz.* *Jonathan Dickinſon*, Eſq; Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Richard Hill*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Morris Morris*, *Iſrael Pemberton*, *David Lloyd*, *Richard Hayes*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *John Wright*, *James Gibbons*, *Henry*

Henry Lewis, *Willam Lewis*, *Henry Oburn*, *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *John Sotcher*, *Joſeph Bond*, *William Paxton*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*. 1718.

Maurice Liſle was appointed Clerk of this Aſſembly, and enjoined Secrecy, and the due Execution of his Office. *8th Mo.* 16.

Nicholas Roſogan was appointed Door-keeper to this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that this Houſe do adjourn to the fifteenth Day of *December* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Perſons following ſubſcribed the Oath of Abjuration, *viz.* *Edward Farmar*, *Matthias Holſton*, and *John Swift*.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, to give him the Thanks of this Houſe for his favourable Speech; and that they acquaint him with the propoſed Time of Adjournment: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they deliver'd their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who received kindly the Thanks of the Houſe, and agreed to the propoſed Adjournment.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Orders to the abſent Members to attend the Service of this Aſſembly at the next Meeting; which was done accoringly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fifteenth Day of *December* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. *10th Mo.* 15.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *John Wright*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, and are ready to receive what he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them, and make their Report To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *10th Mo.* 16.

Thomas Stevenſon and *John Wright* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, that he would call his Council this Morning, and deſired the Houſe would then attend him.

Iſaac Norris, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia*, appeared, and having read and ſubſcribed the Teſts of Allegiance and Supremacy (and of Abjuration) as the Law directs, took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Rules practiſed by the laſt Aſſembly, be read, which was done accordingly; and the ſame being conſidered, and an Amendment made to the Nineteenth and Twentieth Rules, and the Queſtion being put, whether the ſame, as now amended, ſhall be Rules for this Aſſembly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The ſaid Rules now ſtand as followeth, *viz.*

19. That the Door-keeper always ring the Bell exactly at the Time of Adjournment.

20. That thoſe Members who do not appear within Half an Hour after the Aſſembly Bell ceaſes to ring, ſhall pay *Eight-pence*, and *Eight-pence* an Hour for every Hour's Abſence afterwards, unleſs they can ſhew Cauſe to the Satisfaction of the Houſe for the ſame, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *Ralph Aſheton*, Clerk of the Council, that the Governor is in Council, and ready to receive the Houſe:

Reſolved, That this Houſe will attend the Governor forthwith; and then the Speaker adjourned the Houſe to wait upon the Governor, who, with the Houſe, attended the Governor accordingly: And being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had made a Speech to the Aſſembly, and delivered him a Copy thereof, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'THE melancholy News of the Proprietary's Death would have obliged me to have called you immediately together, had it not been the unanimous Opinion of the Council, that my continuing the Adminiſtration of the Government, in all its Parts, was not only warranted, but alſo directed by an Act of Aſſembly which had received the royal Sanction.

'Nevertheleſs, when you have conſidered that Minute of the Council, which I have ordered to be now laid before you, I ſhall likewiſe be glad to have the Sentiments of your Houſe upon that Reſolution; wherein I think it will be convenient that we all agree.

'Gentlemen, if it be granted, as I think it muſt, that a Governor is a neceſſary Agent, to be continually employed in providing for the Protection, Safety and Eaſe, of all the People in the Government, it will then follow, that ſuch a Service in this populous Place cannot be duly performed without a conſiderable Charge, and the whole Expence of One's Time, even with diligent Application.

'And

1718. 10*th Mo.* 16. ‘ And ſince you are the proper Judges how far I have done my Duty in theſe Particulars, I ‘ take Leave to put you in mind that the Supplies which have been granted, by former Aſſem- ‘ blies, for the particular Support of my Family, are now actually exhauſted, and the ‘ Time, for which they were ſuppoſed to be given, is expired ever ſince the Month of *Octo-* ‘ *ber* laſt.

‘ I ſhall conclude with recommending a friendly Temper and Unanimity to you in all ‘ your Proceedings; and whatſoever elſe occurs to me of Buſineſs, ſhall be communicated to ‘ you by Way of Meſſage.’

And the Minute of Council, of the third of *November* laſt, mentioned in the ſaid Speech, was alſo read, and ordered to remain on the Files of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be read again this Afternoon, and conſider'd.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, do acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* that they attend this Houſe, at Three a Clock this Afternoon, with their Accounts of the Publick Money; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Speech was, according to Order, read again; and the Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government*, was alſo read, and after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That an Addreſs be drawn up in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

William Fiſhbourn, and *Clement Plumſted*, report, that they had ſpoke to the Treaſurer and Collector, who ſaid they would attend according to the Order of the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *Iſrael Pemberton*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *John Wright*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to examine and ſettle the Accounts of the Publick with the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.*

The Treaſurer and Collector appeared, and were ordered to get their Accounts ready, and lay them before the Committee To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Peter Worrall*, Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do call upon *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, for the printed Books of Laws he is to deliver by his Agreement with the laſt Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock To-morrow Afternoon.

Adjournment.

10*th Mon.* 17. The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift, and the other Members appointed to call upon the Printer for the Books of the Laws, report, that the Printer deſires the Houſe to order what Quantity of Books they judge he ought to deliver, purſuant to his Bargain, and he will bring them in accordingly.

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred, but could not, as yet, finiſh the ſame, and therefore deſired further Time.

Ordered, That they make their Report To-morrow at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Committee, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Addreſs to the Governor, which was delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and conſidered, and, with ſome propoſed Amendments, recommitted to them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10*th Mon.* 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd, and the appointed Committee, brought to the Houſe the Addreſs to the Governor, with the Amendments, which he delivered in at the Table, where the ſame was read, and debated, and, after ſome further Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed by the Clerk, ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, which is as follows, *viz.*

To the Honourable *WILLIAM KEITH*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in Aſſembly met, in Anſwer to his Speech of the 16th Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THIS Houſe is deeply touched with the ſorrowful News of the Death of our late Proprietary and Governor in Chief, and we are very apprehenſive of the Loſs this Province may ſuſtain thereby; but the Meaſures which the Governor and Council took upon that Emergency, in continuing the Adminiſtration of the Government as the Act of Aſſembly directs, is ſo agreeable to our Sentiments, that we can do no leſs than expreſs our great Satisfaction therewith, and unanimouſly return our hearty and grateful Acknowledgments of the Governor's

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Care and Concern for the Welfare of this Colony manifeſted in that Inſtance, as well as in the general Courſe of his Proceedings in Government. 1718.

We have not fully examined the State of the Publick Accounts, ſo as to reduce the Funds to a Certainty, therefore cannot, as yet, be particular in Anſwer to the latter Part of the Governor's Speech, but crave Leave to aſſure the Governor, that we have a due Senſe of our Duty in reſpect to the Support of his Adminiſtration, and hope to acquit ourſelves accordingly. 10th Mo. 18.

By Order of the Houſe,

December 18, 1718. JONATHAN DICKINSON, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, *Edward Farmar*, *Richard Hayes*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*, do preſent the ſame to the Governor: The ſaid Members return and report, they delivered the Addreſs to the Governor, according to Order, who favourably received the ſame.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*, inform the Printer, that this Houſe demand, upon his Contract with the laſt Aſſembly, Seventy-two printed Books of the Laws, and will take ten more, for which he ſhall be ſatisfied; and that he bring that Quantity, *viz.* Eighty-two Books, immediately to this Houſe: Who returned and report, that the Printer was ſatisfied with the Order of the Houſe, and promiſed to comply therewith; and that he deſired them to acquaint the Houſe, he humbly requeſted to be continued in the Service for this Aſſembly, on the ſame Conditions he ſerved the Laſt; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Richard Hayes*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to know what Proceedings are made about the Agency in *London* upon the Order of the laſt Aſſembly; and alſo to be informed whether he hath had any Orders or Advices from the Crown, or the Proprietary's Heirs or Executors, ſince his Deceaſe, or from the Agents (if any) relating to the Publick Affairs of this Province.

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that the Committee had made ſome further Progreſs in examining the Treaſurer and Collector's Accounts, but that they had not finiſhed the ſame; and therefore deſired further Time to proceed therein.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee fully ſettle the ſaid Accounts with the Treaſurer; and bring a Duplicate thereof under his Hand, together with what Vouchers he hath for the ſame, To-morrow by Two a Clock in the Afternoon.

Richard Hayes and *Thomas Stevenſon* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, he had given the laſt Aſſembly an Account of what was done about the Agency; and that he had lately received a Letter from the Proprietary's Widow, which he would lay before the Houſe To-morrow Morning Way of Meſſage; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Mo.* 19.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, together with a Letter from the Proprietary's Widow, and a Copy of the Governor's Anſwer thereto, a Copy of two anonimous Letters ſent to the Lords of Trade and Plantations, and a Copy of *Joſhua Gee*'s Anſwer thereto, in Behalf of the Proprietary and Mortgagees; and a Copy of the Governor's Letter to *Joſhua* on that Subject; which being read, the ſaid written Meſſage is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'IN Anſwer to your Meſſage of Yeſterday, you will find, by the Journal of the laſt Governor's
'Aſſembly, dated the 19th Day of *September*, that I ſent you a Copy of the Minute Meſſage.
'of Council, relating to the Agency, which is all that I yet have had in that Matter; and
'herewith I ſend you the Honourable Mrs. *Penn*'s original Letter to me, giving an Account
'of the Proprietary's Death, *&c.*

'But that you may ſtill be more fully convinced that I keep no Reſerve with you, neither have I any Intereſt in View, which can be ſeparated from yours, I likewiſe ſend you
'the Copies of two Letters of Complaint, which had been delivered to the Lords of Trade,
'againſt the Proceedings of former Aſſemblies in this Province; with Mr. *Joſhua Gee*'s
'Defence, and my Anſwer to him on that Subject; becauſe I underſtand it is ſurmiſed in
'the Country, as if I had already received Powers of Government from *Great-Britain* ſince
'the Proprietary's Death; I think it proper to aſſure you, that there is not any Ground for
'that Report; and ſo ſoon as any ſuch Powers ſhall come to my Hands, either from the
'Crown, the late Proprietary's Family, or the Mortgagees, you may depend on it, that the
'Aſſembly ſhall be forthwith acquainted therewith.

'The full Approbation of my Conduct, which you were pleaſed to expreſs in your affectionate Addreſs of Yeſterday, gives me a great Deal of Satisfaction; and it will always

1718. 8*th Mo.* 19. ‘ be a Pleaſure to me effectually to ſerve and promote the Intereſt and Proſperity of the Peo-
‘ ple of this Province, whom you repreſent.

December 19, 1718. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Petition of *Thomas Treſs*, *Hugh Treſs*, *Joſhua Treſs*, and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for veſting certain Houſes and Lots in the City of *Philadelphia*, late the Eſtate of *Margaret Tench*, Widow, and *Sarah Quarry*, Widow, in Truſtees for Sale, in order to divide the ſame, according to the Directions of the laſt Wills and Teſtaments of the ſaid *Tench* and *Quarry*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

The Petition of *Rebecca Richardſon*, Relict of *William Clark*, junior, ſetting forth her Reaſons and Allegations againſt a certain Act paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Houſe and Lot of Ground, lying in* Philadelphia, *late the Eſtate and Inheritance of* William Clark, *of* Lewes, *in the County of* Suſſex, *deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts*, &c. and praying that the ſaid Act may be repealed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that, by Reaſon of ſome Difficulties, they did not ſee, at their laſt Report, they could not finiſh the Buſineſs they had in Charge; but deſired to have further Time to proceed therein.

Ordered, That they make their Report To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Charles Brockden*, praying to have an Order on the Treaſurer for the Sum of *Forty-nine Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *One Penny Halfpenny*, being ſo much allowed him by the laſt Aſſembly, was read.

Ordered, That the Speaker forthwith iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer, payable to the ſaid *Charles Brockden*, for the ſaid Sum; which was done accordingly.

The Houſe being informed that ſome Perſons, unacquainted with our Laws, have ſpread a Report, that the Governor hath not Power to join with the Aſſembly in Legiſlation, ſince the Death of the Proprietary; and the Houſe taking the ſame into Conſideration,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That by the Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the Adminiſtration of the Government*; the Governor can, and may, in Conjunction with the Aſſembly, act in Legiſlation, and is fully veſted with all the Powers of Government, in all Reſpects, as when the Proprietary was alive.

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the latter Part of the Governor's Speech, came to the following Reſolve.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; for his preſent Supply; and that an Order be forthwith iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, to the Treaſurer for the Payment of the ſame, after the Orders already iſſued are paid: Which Order was iſſued accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Order.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *Seventy-five Pounds* be paid out of the Treaſury of this Province to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, for his preſent Supply; and that Orders be forthwith iſſued under the Speaker's Hand to the Treaſurer for Payment of the ſame, after the Governor's *Five Hundred Pounds* is paid; which Order was iſſued accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid to *Andrew Hamilton*, Eſq; Attorney-General, out of the Publick Stock of this Province, for the enſuing Year, if he accepts thereof, to execute that Office, and to be paid by Order iſſued forthwith under the Speaker's Hand on the Treaſurer, *viz.* *Thirty Pounds* thereof to be paid after the Chief Juſtice's *Seventy-five Pounds* is paid, and the reſt when the other Orders, iſſued by this Aſſembly, are paid; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 20. The Houſe met, &c.

The Speaker reports, that he delivered the Order to the Governor; who returned the Houſe his hearty Thanks for the ſame.

The Printer, according to Order, brought to the Houſe Eighty-two Books of the Laws, which were diſperſed for the Uſe of the Members of the laſt Aſſembly and this, and ſuch Magiſtrates, &c. as are not ſupplied by being Aſſembly-men, as follows, *viz.* To *John Sotcher*, for *Bucks* County, Sixteen; to *Nathaniel Newlin*, for *Cheſter* County, Twenty-three; to the Members of *Philadelphia* City and County, and others, Forty-two; and, to the Clerk of this Aſſembly One.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer, payable to *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, for the Sum of *Thirty-two Pounds*, being *Thirty Pounds* to compleat the Agreement of the laſt Aſſembly, and an additional Charge of *Forty Shillings* for ten Books more, which was done accordingly.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that this Houſe do adjourn till the Ninth Day of *February* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Jeremiah Langhorne, from the Committee appointed to examine and ſettle the Publick Accounts with the Treaſurer and Collector, delivered to the Houſe the following Report in Writing, which he read, and afterwards delivered the ſame to the Speaker; they alſo brought

brought the Treaſurer's Account of the Publick Stock to this Day, ſigned under his Hand, together with the Vouchers to the ſaid Treaſurer's Account; which Report is as follows, *viz.* 1718. 10*th Mo.* 20.

Philadelphia, the 20th of the *Tenth Month*, 1718.

THE Committee appointed to examine and ſettle the Publick Accounts, report, That they have carefully examined the Accounts of the Impoſt Duty on *Negroes*, and Tonage on Veſſels, and find that *Owen Roberts*, the Collector, hath received and ſecured, on Account of the Impoſt and Duty on *Negroes*, from the 13th Day of *June*, 1715, to the 3d Day of *Auguſt*, 1718, clear of all Charges, the Sum of — £ 2226 4 8

And on Account of the Tonage, from the 22d of *May*, 1718, to the 7th of *November*, 1718, — — 127 8 1

Total received on Account of the Impoſt, Duty and Tonage, is £ 2353 12 9

Of which the Sum of *One Thouſand*, *Eight Hundred* and *Eighty-one Pounds*, *Four Shillings* and *Three-pence*, is paid at ſundry Times into the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, and the remaining Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Seventy-two Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, and *Five-pence Farthing*, is outſtanding, *viz.*

On Bonds, as *per* Liſt exhibited, — —	£ 334	4	9
On ſundry unſettled Accounts, which we eſteem as Caſh in his Hands,	139	3	8¼
	£ 473	8	5¼

We cannot make a full Report of the State of the Exciſe, the Difficulty of collecting and ſettling with the Perſons having rendered the Officer unable to ſettle that Account; but by the beſt Judgment we can make, there is due for Exciſe, for the laſt nine Months, about the Sum of *Three Hundred Pounds*, Part of which is in the Hands of the Collector, and Part outſtanding; but the exact Sum we cannot report until thoſe Accounts are more perfect.

We have alſo examined the Treaſurer's general Account, and by the State of which it appears, there is due from the Province to the Treaſurer the Sum of *Five Hundred* and *Sixteen Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, allowing all the Articles of Debt charged by the Treaſurer, which we find moſtly grounded upon Authority of Law, and Orders iſſued from the Houſe of Aſſembly, and the Orders for Payment are given up to us (all which we lay before the Houſe) except thoſe Orders undermentioned.

In the Treaſurer's Account the Province is debted *Fifty-four Pounds* and *Three-pence*, paid *Thomas Wilſon*, as *per* an Order of the Aſſembly; but the Treaſurer cannot find the Order for that Sum, nor do we find, by examining the Journals of the Houſe, any ſuch Sum hath been ordered: But in ſearching the Journal, we find two Orders iſſued in Favour of *Thomas Wilſon*, which are not charged in the Treaſurer's Account, amounting to *Fifty-three Pounds*, *Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, viz.

Firſt, the 26th of *Firſt Month*, 1714-15, for	£ 40	0	0
Second, the 28th of the *Third Month*, 1715, for	13	6	9
	£ 53	6	9

And the Treaſurer ſuppoſing the ſaid *Fifty-four Pounds* and *Three-pence* to be paid in Conſideration of the ſaid two Orders that makes *Fifty-three Pounds*, *Six Shillings*, and *Nine-pence*, we believe it to be our Duty to lay the ſame ſpecially before the Houſe for their Judgment therein.

The Orders charged by the Treaſurer in his Account, and not delivered up are, viz.

Thomas Wilſon, for — — — — —	£ 54	0	3
Governor *Gookin*, — — — — —	100	0	0
Ditto, — — — — —	200	0	0
Robert Aſheton, — — — — —	15	0	0
Thomas Wilſon, — — — — —	16	17	0
Ralph Aſheton, — — — — —	64	13	6
Maurice Liſle, — — — — —	31	8	11
Andrew Hamilton, — — — — —	20	0	0

We have alſo examined the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties, with the Accounts of Sales of Preſents received from the *Indians* for the three Years, and find there is conſiderable more paid and diſburſed for the *Indians*, by Order of the Governor and Council, than the *Fifty Pounds*

1718. 10*th Mo.* 20. *Pounds per Annum*, allowed by a late Law of this Province, which Law is expired; all which is humbly ſubmitted to the Judgment of the Houſe, by

JOHN WRIGHT, WILLIAM FISHBOURN,
CLEMENT PLUMSTED, ISRAEL PEMBERTON.
JEREMIAH LANGHORNE,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report do lie upon the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Queſtion was put, that this Houſe doth agree to, and confirm the ſaid Report of the Committee, upon the State of the Treaſurer's Accounts, as now delivered in? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Edward Farmar*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe incline to adjourn till the ninth Day of *February* next: Who return'd, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, and that the Governor was well ſatisfied with the propoſed Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* appear, and lay before the Houſe his Reaſons for the Impoſt and Exciſe not being better collected and paid; who appeared accordingly, and informed the Houſe, that ſundry Perſons, to whom he had given Notice to come and account with him, and pay their Duties and Exciſe, have neglected and refuſed to come, alledging that the Officer ought to come to them; upon which the Law was read, and the ſaid Collector put upon the better Diſcharge of his Duty.

Ordered, That the Votes of this Aſſembly be reviſed by the Speaker, and that *Iſaac Norris*, and *Richard Hill*, do aſſiſt him therein; and that the Clerk tranſcribe the ſame, and that a fair Copy thereof be delivered to the Governor, and another be ſent to the Coffee-houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ninth Day of *February* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

1718-19. 12*th Mo.* 9. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Joſeph Bond*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12*th Mo.* 10. The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Fiſhbourn, and *Joſeph Bond*, reported, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to anſwer, that if the Aſſembly were inclined to go upon Buſineſs, he had ſomething to lay before them; and particularly mentioned, that ſome Alteration or Amendment ſeemed neceſſary to be made to the Exciſe Act.

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of Accounts be read forthwith; which was done accordingly.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Act for the Exciſe, and the Method for ſome Amendments to be made to the ſame, in order to its better Collection, and Payment into the Treaſury, and to make the ſame more beneficial; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Queſtion was put, that a Bill be brought in to ſupply the Defects in the Exciſe Act; and that the Exciſe be *One Shilling per* Gallon for all Rum, Wine, Brandy and Spirits, retailed by any Perſon by any Quantity under ten Gallons? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, ſetting forth the Extravagance of the Price of tanned Leather, which they deem to be cauſed by the Exportation thereof, and an Agreement or Combination of the Tanners, was preſented to the Houſe, and read; and, after ſome conſiderable Debate thereon, the Queſtion was put, that a Bill be brought in to lay a Duty on tanned Leather exported; to ſettle the Price of tanned Leather ſold and diſpoſed of in the Province; and to prevent the Tanners from currying, or ordering the Currying any Leather? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Morris Morris*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is deſirous and ready to receive what he will be pleaſed to lay before them.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Thomas Stevenſon has Leave to be abſent till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin and *Morris Morris* reported, they waited on the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to anſwer, he would ſend the Houſe in Writing what he had to lay before them this Afternoon.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, together with a Memorial, relating to the *Indians*; which Meſſage was read, and ordered to be read again To-morrow Morning, being as follows, *viz.*

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Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly;

1718-19. 12*th Mo.* 10. Governor's Meſſage.

'IT was with great Satisfaction that I perceived from the Minutes of your Houſe how particularly you had entered upon the State of the Revenue, and the Publick Accounts: I cannot therefore doubt but you are now come fully reſolved to beſtow ſome of your Leiſure Time, at this Seaſon, upon rectifying the Collection of the Revenue of Exciſe, which, though duly exacted by the Retailers in the Prices of their Liquors, yet the Publick is thereof nevertheleſs evidently defrauded.

'I hope you will be of Opinion with me, that in all Matters relating to the Peace, Safety and Proſperity, of the Government, it is unqueſtionably our Office and Duty, moſt diligently to attend them; and for that Reaſon I found myſelf indiſpenſably obliged, firſt, to procure the moſt perfect Accounts that could be had of the State of this Country, with reſpect to our own and our neighbouring *Indians*, and then to lay the ſame before you, as I now do, by the annexed Memorial, unto which I ſhall now refer you for an exact Account of our own Circumſtances, as well as our Neighbours.

'That moſt abominable Practice of the *Indians* burning their Captives alive, and ſo putting them to Death under the moſt exquiſite Tortures, is no where, that I know of, ſuffered within the Limits of a Chriſtian *Engliſh* Government: Shall we then, who from the firſt Beginning of this Settlement have been remarkably diſtinguiſhed for our Love of Peace and Liberty, muſt we, I ſay, now calmly and indolently ſit down and permit ſuch horrid Things to be acted before our Eyes, and in the Face of the Magiſtracy? God forbid.

'Gentlemen, a ſpeedy Conſideration, in order to redreſs Grievances of ſo high a Nature, lies very heavy upon my Conſcience; and therefore muſt diſcharge myſelf by recommending it to you in the moſt ardent Manner, to loſe no more Time in providing ſuitable Remedies for the Evils which threaten us loudly from that Quarter.'

February 10, 1718. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration ſundry Matters relating to Property, and the Confirmation of old Grants, *&c.* and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a Bill be brought in to confirm Lands ſold by the Proprietary, and not yet patented; alſo to confirm Lands ſold by the preſent Commiſſioners of Property, and not patented before the Proprietary's Deceaſe; alſo to preſcribe the Method of Grants or Conveyances, to be made by the Commiſſioners or Grantors of Land for the Time being? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 11.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill about ſettling and confirming Foreigners in their Poſſeſſions, and to confirm all Sales heretofore made by them;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and that *David Lloyd* prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to make ſome Amendment to the Law againſt Blaſphemy; and ſome Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for regulating Party Walls and Fences in the City of *Philadelphia*;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill for the more effectual preventing firing of Chimnies in the City of *Philadelphia*;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

A Motion was made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill againſt Vagrants and idle Perſons, purſuant to the Statute of *Great-Britain*;

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That a Bill be prepared to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon; as alſo to prevent all that are not Freeholders to range the Woods with, or make uſe of, Guns on other Peoples Lands; and alſo to prevent ſhooting and firing of Guns within the Bounds of the City of *Philadelphia*; that no Perſon not having Eſtates in Land ſhall be permitted to keep above Horſes, neat Cattle; and that every Stone Horſe running at large, not of the Stature of fourteen Hands high, ſhall be liable to be taken as a Stray, and ſold at Vendue, unleſs the Owner gives Security to keep him up, or cut him, and pay the Charge of Poundage; and that a Bill be brought in for erecting Pounds in the ſeveral Townſhips of this Province, as near as may be according to the Laws of *Great-Britain*.

The Governor's Meſſage, and the Memorial, about the *Indians*, were, according to Order, read again, and conſidered.

1718-19. *Ordered*, That a Bill be brought in for ſettling *Indian* Treaties, and ſupplying the ſame, and for better regulating the *Indian* Trade; and that the Governor be deſired to cauſe to be laid before the Houſe ſuch Propoſals, in order thereto, as is mentioned in the laſt Paragraph of the ſaid Memorial; and that *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Paxton*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Meſſage; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

12th Mo. 11.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Clement Plumſted and *William Paxton* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, that the Perſon that made that Memorial to him ſhould ſend the Houſe what he had to offer about the *Indian* Trade as ſoon as poſſibly he could.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that an Exciſe be laid upon Beer, Cyder and Metheglin, as an Addition to the Exciſe Act? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Queſtion was put, that *Two Shillings* and *Sixpence per* Barrel, ſhall be paid as a Duty or Exciſe on all Beer, Cyder and Metheglin, retailed in this Province? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar* acquaint the Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* that he do attend the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

12th Mo. 12.

The Petition of *Thomas Treſs*, *Hugh Treſs*, *Joſhua Treſs*, and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill, for veſting ſome Houſes and Lots in the City of *Philadelphia*, late the Eſtate of *Margaret Tench*, Widow, and *Sarah Quarry*, Widow, in Truſtees for Sale, in order to divide the ſame according to the Directions of the laſt Wills and Teſtaments of the ſaid *Tench* and *Quarry*, was again read, and conſidered.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that the Petitioners lay before this Houſe all ſuch Inſtruments, Deeds and Writings, as belong thereto, together with the Wills mentioned in the ſaid Petition.

The Petition of *Rebecca Richardſon*, Relict of *William Clark*, junior, ſetting forth her Reaſons and Allegations againſt a certain Act paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Houſe and Lot of Ground, lying in* Philadelphia, *late the Eſtate and Inheritance of* William Clark, *of* Lewes, *in the County of* Suſſex, *deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of his Debts*, &c. and praying that the ſaid Act may be repealed; was again read: Alſo a ſecond Petition of the ſaid *Rebecca Richardſon*, complaining of undue Methods taken in the Sale of the ſaid Houſe, was alſo preſented to the Houſe, and read; and, after a conſiderable Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the Petitioner may be heard, by herſelf or Counſel, before this Houſe, upon the Subject Matter prayed in the firſt mentioned Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Owen Roberts, Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* appeared, and, upon ſome Queſtions put to him, acquainted the Houſe, that he had, ſince the laſt Seſſion, received and paid to the Treaſurer, or his Order, on the Exciſe, above *One Hundred Pounds*; but that he finds the Collecting thereof very difficult, and deſires to have Liberty to lay ſomething before the Houſe, in order to its better Collecting.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Exciſe Bill be drawn up purſuant to the Reſolves of the Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do prepare and bring in the ſame at the next Meeting, and that they be allowed ſuch Aſſiſtance as they ſhall want therein at the Charge of the Publick.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by *James Logan*, with ſome Remarks and general Heads, in order to a Bill for eſtabliſhing a friendly Correſpondence with the *Indians*, and ſettling the Trade with them, which was read, and ordered to be read again To-morrow Morning.

A Petition of the Cordwainers was brought in, and read, praying Relief againſt the Exportation of tanned Leather and raw Hides, and againſt the bad tanning and currying of Leather.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition, and the Petition of *Cheſter* County, againſt Exportation of tanned Leather, *&c.* be delivered to *David Lloyd*, who is ordered to prepare and bring in the Bill for that Purpoſe.

A Motion being made, that a Bill be brought in for Prevention of Damage by breaming of Veſſels, *&c.* within the Limits of the built Parts of the City of *Philadelphia*, and other Nuſances accruing from Shipping;

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly.

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A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to allow a Drawback off the Duty of Goods imported from *New-York*, if the Returns be made in Produce. 1718-19.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, do prepare and bring in a Bill accordingly. *12th Mo.* 12.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do prepare and bring in the Bill to prevent killing of Deer, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Iſaac Norris*, do prepare and bring in the Bill to confirm Lands ſold by the Proprietary, and not yet patented, *&c.*

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*, do prepare and bring in the Bills for regulating Party Walls and Fences; for preventing Damages by firing of Chimnies in the City of *Philadelphia*; and for erecting Pounds, and ſettling Partition Fences in the ſeveral Townſhips of this Province.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do prepare and bring in the Bill for regulating *Indian* Treaties, and ſettling the *Indian* Trade.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, and *Richard Hill*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, do prepare and bring in the Bill againſt Vagrants and idle Perſons; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 13.

Ordered, That *Rebecca Richardſon* attend the Houſe at Three a Clock this Afternoon, to be heard on the Subject Matter ſet forth and prayed in her Petition; and Notice, under the Speaker's Hand, was ſent her accordingly.

The Remarks, or general Heads, in order to improve a Correſpondence with the *Indians*, and ſettling the *Indian* Trade, was, according to Order, read again, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the ſame be delivered to the Committee that is ordered to draw up the Bill for *Indian* Treaties.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, ſetting forth the Damage he ſuffers by the *Jerſey* Ferrymen carrying Goods and Paſſengers from *Philadelphia*, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for his Relief, was read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petitioner be referred to the Law.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to encourage the making of good Flour, and to aſcertain the Dimenſions of Caſk? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, with ſuch Aſſiſtance as he ſhall think convenient to get, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That *Thomas Stevenſon*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that this Houſe having agreed upon ſeveral Bills, and appointed Committees to prepare them, are inclined to adjourn till the Twentieth Day of *April* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

William Fiſhbourn and *Thomas Stevenſon* report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſignify his Satisfaction with the Mind of the Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that it be an Inſtruction to the Committee, that any Perſon or Perſons firing the Woods, ſhall pay all Damage that ſhall happen thereby to any Perſon's Improvements? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne* do prepare and bring in the Bill againſt firing the Woods, and that he take the ſaid Inſtruction in order thereto.

The Petition of *Anthony Houſton*, praying Leave to be heard upon the Matter contained in the Petition of *Rebecca Richardſon*, now lying before this Houſe, was read.

Rebecca Richardſon, according to Order, attended the Houſe; but not having Counſel with her, deſired Time till To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That ſhe attend the Houſe at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, when ſhe ſhall be heard.

Ordered, That the Clerk give Notice to *Anthony Houſton*, that he has Leave to attend by himſelf or Counſel at the ſame Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 14.

Rebecca Richardſon appeared, according to Order; alſo *Anthony Houſton*; and the Petitions of the ſaid *Rebecca Richardſon* being read, and the Houſe having fully heard the ſaid *Rebecca Richardſon* what ſhe had to ſay in Support of her Petitions; as alſo what *Anthony Houſton*, and *Andrew Hamilton*, had to ſay thereupon; and having alſo examined into the Deeds and Papers relating thereunto, the ſaid Parties were ordered to withdraw; and, after a conſiderable Debate thereon, the Queſtion was put, that the further Conſideration of the ſaid Matter be deferred to the next Meeting of this Aſſembly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Governor ſent to the Houſe a Letter, directed to the Speaker, deſiring the ſame to be laid before the Houſe, which was read.

Ordered,

1718-19. 12th Mo. 14. *Ordered*, That the ſame be an Inſtruction to the Committee appointed to draw up and prepare the Supplement to the Exciſe Bill.

Ordered, That the Speaker examine and regulate the Minutes of this Seſſion, and that *Richard Hill*, and *Iſaac Norris*, do aſſiſt him therein, and that the Clerk tranſcribe a fair Copy thereof for the Governor, and another for the Coffee-houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the twentieth of *April* next.

Adjournment.

1719. 2d Mo. 20. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Thomas Stevenſon*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment, and incline to adjourn till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 21. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Thomas Stevenſon, and *William Fiſhbourn*, report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing to lay before the Houſe but what he found by their Minutes was already before them.

William Biles, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, not having hitherto attended the ſaid Service, appeared, and having taken and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, as the Law directs, took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Committees, appointed at the laſt Seſſions to prepare ſuch Bills as were to them committed to be brought in at this Seſſion, be continued until the Houſe ſhall think fit to order their particular Reports to be made.

The Petition of ſundry Curriers of Leather, ſetting forth the Diſadvantages to the Publick by the Tanners currying their own Leather, and praying ſome Methods may be taken to prevent the ſame; was preſented to the Houſe.

A Repreſentation of the Tanners, in Anſwer to the Petition of the Cordwainers, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition and Repreſentation be read this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Iſacc Norris*, lay before the Houſe the Bill ordered to be prepared laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, which was read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of the Curriers was, according to Order, read, and ordered another Reading.

The Repreſentation of the Tanners, in Anſwer to the Petition of the Cordwainers, was, according to Order, read, and ordered another Reading.

A Petition of ſome of the Magiſtrates of the County of *Cheſter*, complaining of the Neglects and Abuſes committed in the Prothonotary's Office of the ſaid County; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading.

A Petition of the Sadlers, complaining againſt the undue Practices of the Tanners in their manufacturing of Leather; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading.

The Bill for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, was read the ſecond Time; and, after a conſiderable Debate on ſome Parts thereof, the Houſe not having gone through the Bill,

Ordered, That the ſame be further debated To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 22. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris* lay before the Houſe the Bill ordered to be prepared for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary or the preſent Truſtees of this Province, and by his or their Agents or Commiſſioners, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame to the Speaker; and the ſaid Bill was ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe, according to Order, went upon the further Debate of the Bill for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this Province; and, after conſiderable Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, and ſome Amendments agreed to be made thereto, the ſame was committed to *Iſaac Norris*, and *Clement Plumſted*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary or the preſent Truſtees of this Province, and by his or their Agents or Commiſſioners, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, the ſame was committed to *David Lloyd*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*.

Ordered, That the Clauſe in the ſaid Bill for confirming of ſuch Lands as ſhall hereafter be ſold by the Commiſſioners be left out, and that there be a Clauſe added to confirm all old Patents and Grants; and that ſuch Part of a former Law, intituled, *An Act for confirming Patents*

Patents and Grants, as they ſhall judge neceſſary, be inſerted; and that the ſaid Committee have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers relating thereto; and alſo that they confer with the Commiſſioners of Property on the ſaid Bill and Amendment. 1719. 2d Mo. 22.

The Petition of the Aſſeſſors of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of ſome Hindrance in their Proceedings about the Election of a Treaſurer for the ſaid County, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 2d Mo. 23.

The Petition of the Aſſeſſors of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of ſome Hindrance in their Proceedings about the Election of a Treaſurer for the ſaid County, was again read; and alſo the ſeveral Clauſes in the Act for raiſing County Levies relating to the Choice of a Treaſurer, was alſo read, and, after ſome Debate,

Ordered, That the Petitioners be referred to take ſuch Meaſures as the ſaid Law in this Caſe directs.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for enabling ſuch as have Debts due from the County (and have not complied with the Law, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to that about raiſing County Levies*, whereby they became loſt) to recover the ſaid Debts, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading.

The Petition of *Abraham De Delueina*, of *New-York*, Merchant, praying Relief againſt the Seiſure of ſome Goods by him lately imported from *New-York*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne* be added to the Committee appointed to conſider and amend the Bill for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands, *&c.* and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 2d Mo. 24.

David Lloyd, from the Committee, to whom the Bill for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands, *&c.* was committed, reports, that the Committee had viewed and conſidered the Deeds and Inſtruments recited in the ſaid Bill; and had alſo had a Conference with ſome of the Commiſſioners of Property upon the Bill, which he delivered at the Table; and that the Commiſſioners of Property had propoſed a Proviſo to be added to the ſaid Bill; and then the ſaid Bill and Proviſo were read, and, after a conſiderable Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide for further Conſideration; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Iſaac Norris, and *Clement Plumſted*, brought to the Houſe the Bill for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, which was read the third Time, and debated, and ſome Amendments being agreed to be made thereto,

Ordered, That the ſame be recommitted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 2d Mo. 25.

William Fiſhbourn, from the Committee to whom the Bill for laying a Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, was committed, brought the ſame to the Houſe; and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, being read, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs; and,

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed, and that *David Lloyd* carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence, and the Speaker is deſired to accompany him.

The Petition of *William Pawlett*, Crier of the Courts for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the Damages and Loſs he ſuffers by the Officers of the Courts charging his Fees in their Bills of Coſts, and not paying or accounting with him for the ſame; and praying that ſome particular Officer of the Court may be appointed to take his Fees, that ſo he may know of whom he may demand them; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered another Reading.

The following Orders were iſſued under the Speaker's Hand to the Treaſurer, *viz.*

Maurice Liſle, for 21 Days Service as Clerk, at *Six Shillings per* Day;	£. 6	6	0
Nicholas Roſogan for 21 Days, at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, and for Candles and Wood, — —	3	4	6

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of *William Pawlett*, Crier of the Courts, relating to his Fees, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be recommended to the Juſtices of the Court of Quarter-Seſſions for the ſaid City and County.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this*

1719. *Province*, with a Propoſal of Amendment; which was read, and agreed to by the Houſe, and inſerted in the Bill.

2d Mo. 25. *Ordered*, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *William Biles*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe have agreed to his Propoſal of Amendment to the Bill laying an Exciſe or Duty on Wine, Rum, *&c.* and deſire to know, when he will pleaſe to be attended by the Houſe, in order to paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor is ready for the Houſe to attend him; and accordingly the Speaker and Aſſembly went to wait upon the Governor: And being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Governor had been pleaſed to paſs the Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, *&c.* intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed in this Province*, into a Law.

Ordered, That the Speaker, *Richard Hill*, and *Iſaac Norris*, regulate the Minutes or Journal of this Seſſions, and that a fair Copy thereof be tranſcribed by the Clerk for the Governor, and another for the Coffee-houſe; and alſo that they take Care to agree with the Printer about printing the Law now paſſed, and that the Clerk make out a fair Copy thereof for the Printer forthwith; and then the Houſe adjourned till the third Day of *Auguſt* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 6. THE Governor having been pleaſed to iſſue his Writ of Summons to the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, dated the Day of to ſummon the Aſſembly to meet this Day at *Philadelphia*;

The Houſe met accordingly, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, purſuant to his Summons, and will adjourn till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 7. The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Fiſhbourn and *Clement Plumſted* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, that he would get his Council together, and lay before the Houſe what he had to recommend.

The Governor, by *Ralph Aſheton*, Clerk of the Council, acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Aſſembly forthwith at his own Houſe: And accordingly the Speaker and the Aſſembly went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, That they had attended the Governor; and that he had been pleaſed to make a Speech to the Aſſembly, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is follows.

Gentlemen of the Council, Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'ACCORDING to my Promiſe I have called you together, in order to acquaint you, 'that I lately received a Commiſſion from the Honourable *William Penn*, Eſq; as our 'Governor in Chief, with Inſtructions to publiſh his Acceſſion to this Government by Advice 'of the Council in the moſt ſolemn Manner; which ſaid Commiſſion, and Inſtructions, with 'the Minute of Council thereupon, I have ordered to be laid before you.

'Since that I have ſeen the Probate of the late Proprietary's laſt Will and Teſtament, 'in the Hands of Mr. Secretary *Logan*, whereby the Powers of Government, over this 'Province, ſeem to be deviſed in Truſt after a peculiar Manner; and I am told theſe Differences are not like to be ſpeedily adjuſted.

'Gentlemen, my Duty to the Crown unqueſtionably obliges me, while in this Station, 'at all Times to uſe my utmoſt Diligence in preſerving the good Order and Peace of the Government, and to keep the King's Subjects of this Colony firm in their Allegiance, and 'dutiful Obedience to his moſt excellent Majeſty and our Sovereign Lord King GEORGE: 'To the End therefore, that this may be done with the greateſt Chearfulneſs and Unanimity, and likewiſe that all due Reſpect may be paid to Mr. *Penn*, and every other Branch 'of the late Proprietary's Family, I muſt deſire that you will aſſiſt me with your Opinions 'and Advice, which I doubt not will have the ſame Weight with all the Parties concerned 'in *Britain*, as you may be aſſured it ſhall ever have with me.

'I have received a Meſſage from the *Indian* Chiefs at *Coneſtogoe*, by a Letter to Mr. Secretary *Logan*, which informs us, that our *Indian* Hunters have been attacked, near the Head 'of *Potomack* River, by a conſiderable Body of *Southern Indians*, come out to war againſt 'the *Five Nations*, and the *Indian* Settlements on *Saſquehanna*; they have killed ſeveral of 'our People, and alarmed them all; ſo that the careful Attention and Vigilance of the Government was never more called upon than at this Juncture, and much will depend upon 'your unanimous and ſpeedy Reſolutions to ſupport the Adminiſtration in all its Parts.'

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Speech be read again this Afternoon.

1719. 3d *Mo.* 7. The Governor, by *Ralph Aſheton*, Clerk of the Council, ſent to the Houſe ſundry Inſtruments and Writings, of which were read a Commiſſion for the Government of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and Three Lower Counties, from *William Penn*, Eſq; to the Governor, *William Keith*, and his Inſtructions to him; alſo a Copy of *William Penn* ſenior's Will, and Probate and Codicil, and a Proof to the Codicil; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Speech was, according to Order, read again; and alſo the following Papers, *viz.* The Caſe of *William Penn*, in three Papers; one ſigned by *George Savage*, one by *Francis Anneſley*, and one by *Joſeph Hungerford*, Counſellors at Law; two Letters from *Simon Clement*, to *James Logan*, relating to the Affairs of the Government; *John Cartlidge*'s Letter to *James Logan*, giving an Account of ſome Acts of Hoſtility committed by the *Southern* on the neighbouring *Indians*; and alſo ſundry Minutes of the Council relating thereto; and, after a conſiderable Debate on the Matters contained in the ſaid Speech,

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to draw up and prepare an Addreſs in Anſwer thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

3d *Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee not having finiſhed the Addreſs, the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd, with the other Members, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, which was read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

3d *Mo.* 9 The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the ſeventh Inſtant, was read again, and debated, and, after ſome Amendments made thereto, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows.

To the Honourable *WILLIAM KEITH*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in Aſſembly met, in Anſwer to his Speech of the 7th Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THE Memory of the Honourable WILLIAM PENN, *our late Proprietary and Governor in Chief, being dear to us, we cannot but have a juſt and due Regard to his Family, and ſhould account it our Happineſs to be governed by a Branch thereof, under the moſt auſpicious Reign of our Royal Sovereign King* GEORGE.

And ſince the Governor has been pleaſed to ſhew ſo great a Regard to the Advice of the Repreſentative Body of the Freemen of this Province, as to conſult them in a Matter which ſo highly concerns them, we muſt acknowledge it is a great Condeſcenſion, and an additional Inſtance of his known Affection to this Colony, with kind Inclinations to preſerve the publick Peace and Weal of this Government.

The Contents of thoſe Inſtruments and Writings which the Governor was pleaſed to lay before this Houſe, brought us under a very deep Concern how to aſſiſt him with Advice ſuitable to the preſent Emergency; for we find the firſt Part of the Proprietary's Will ſeems to veſt a Truſt in the noble Lords there named, in order to accompliſh the Treaty of Surrender of this Government to the Crown, which was begun by our late Proprietary.

And though that Truſt may occaſion various Opinions in Law and Equity, yet that does not ſo much affect us at preſent as the Want of aſcertaining the Terms which we have been always given to expect would accompany the Surrender in Favour of the People called Quakers, *who embarked with the ſaid Proprietary, in the laudable Deſign of this conſiderable Addition of the* Britiſh *Empire; and therefore think it our Duty, at this Juncture, to claim thoſe Rights and Favours which have been promiſed us.*

The Governor well knows, that the preſent Adminiſtration of this Government, ſince the Proprietary's Deceaſe, is ſupported by a Law confirmed by her late Majeſty Queen ANNE, *and, by Virtue thereof, is ſo to continue till further Order from the King, or the Heirs of the ſaid late Proprietary and Governor; and notwithſtanding the great Regard the Governor has to the Commiſſion ſent him by the ſaid Proprietary's Heir at Law, yet ſince that Heir ſeems not, by the aforeſaid Will, inveſted with the Powers of Government; but the Deviſe thereof made to the ſaid Lords, being allowed by his own Counſel to be good; and ſince it doth not appear that Commiſſion is attended with the neceſſary Requiſites directed by Acts of Parliament for Qualifications of Perſons concerned in ſuch Stations, and Security of Plantation Trade, we conceive it will contribute to the Peace of this Government, and be ſafe for the Governor, that he, for the*

1719. 3d Mo. 9. *the preſent, forbear to publiſh the ſaid Commiſſion, and hope there will be no juſt Occaſion given if the Governor ſhould wave ſuperſeding the Powers given him by the ſaid Law, until he receive the Pleaſure of the ſaid Truſtees, or has the Lord Chancellor's Decree for his Direction; the rather becauſe we underſtand that an amicable Suit is depending in Chancery, betwixt the Executrix and Heir at Law, in order to ſettle both their Claims to this Government. We heartily join with the Governor in his good Reſolutions to preſerve the good Order and Peace of the Government, and Loyalty of his Majeſty's Subjects in this Colony.*

As touching the Attack lately made upon our neighbouring Indians, *we hope the Governor hath already taken proper Meaſures in that Affair towards quieting their Minds, and will uſe his utmoſt Endeavour to prevent ſuch Incurſions upon them for the future, by due Repreſentations to the neighbouring Governments, and Perſwaſions to our* Indians *not to give further Provocations, but that they will fall in with more peaceable Inclinations, as the ſame will contribute to their Eaſe and Safety, and obtain the Friendſhip and Protection of this Government; and this Houſe gives the Governor Aſſurance, that the neceſſary Charges thereof ſhall be provided for, and that 'tis their full Purpoſe to ſupport the Adminiſtration to the beſt of their Power.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

JONATHAN DICKINSON, Speaker.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that an Order be iſſued by the Speaker to the Treaſurer, to pay ſuch Diſburſements as ſhall be ordered by the Governor and Council for defraying the Charges of Treaties with the *Indians*, ſo that the ſame exceed not the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*, as hath been uſual for one Year? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. D. C.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that an Order be iſſued by the Speaker to the Treaſurer, to pay *Peter Worrall*, Serjeant at Arms to this Houſe, the Sum of *Five Pounds*, purſuant to a Vote of the laſt Aſſembly, which was iſſued accordingly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, being tranſcribed, was read, and examined in the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be preſented to the Governor, by *John Wright*, *Jeremiah Langhorn*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, and that they acquaint the Governor that the Houſe incline to adjourn till the third Day of *Auguſt* next, being the Day of their former Adjournment; and that they deliver the Commiſſion and Papers which the Governor ſent to this Houſe the Seventh Inſtant to him again: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had delivered the Addreſs, Meſſage, and Writings, to the Governor, according to Order, and that the Governor returned the Houſe his hearty Thanks for the ſaid Addreſs; and that he deſired the Houſe to conſider of what Bills are now before them againſt their next Meeting.

Ordered, That the Speaker, and *Clement Plumſted*, reviſe the Minutes, and that the Clerk make a fair Copy thereof for the Governor, and another for the Coffee-houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the third of *Auguſt* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

6th Mo. 3. *Poſt Meridiem.* THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Motion was made, that the Speaker being indiſpoſed, this Houſe do adjourn for a ſhort Time; and accordingly the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do adjourn to the ſeventeenth of this Inſtant? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*, do acquaint the Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, that he have his Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe on the ſeventeenth Inſtant.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment; and that the Speaker being indiſpoſed, this Houſe incline to adjourn to the ſeventeenth Inſtant, unleſs the Governor has ſomething of Moment to lay before them that may require their preſent Attendance: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they had deliver'd their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, that he had nothing at preſent to lay before the Houſe; and was willing to concur with the Mind of the Houſe as to the Adjournment; and accordingly the Houſe adjourned to the ſeventeenth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *6th Mo.* 17. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adiourn. ment. *6th Mo.* 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Clement Plumſted, and *William Fiſhbourn*, report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, he was ſorry for

for the Speaker's Indiſpoſition, otherwiſe would have ordered the Houſe to attend him; but that he would ſend what he had to recommend to the Houſe in Writing by Ten a Clock this Morning. 1719. *6th Mo.* 18.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I WAS encouraged by your Addreſs of the Ninth of laſt *May*, to take the moſt proper Meaſures could be thought on for quieting the Minds of our *Indians*; and, after I had ſent Colonel *John French*, a Member of the Council, with full Powers to renew all former Treaties of Friendſhip with them, which had the deſired Effect, I alſo made a Journey to *New-York*, to wait upon Brigadier *Hunter*, before his Departure for *England*; and there is now ſuch a perfect good Underſtanding eſtabliſhed between this and all the neighbouring Governments, that I hope nothing can ſuddenly ariſe to diſturb the preſent Tranquility. Governor's Meſſage.

'Gentlemen, not doubting but that you are come up at this Time with Intent to finiſh the Buſineſs of this Year, which now draws towards a Cloſe, I ſhall not interrupt you with any new Matters; and I have received ſo many Marks of Affection and Reſpect from this Aſſembly, that I am confident I need not trouble this Houſe with any particular Remembrance of the great Expence I am daily put to in the neceſſary Service of this Government.'

Auguſt 18, 1719. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

William Fiſhbourn and *Iſrael Pemberton* report, that, according to the Order of the third of *Auguſt* laſt, they had ſpoke to *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, to lay before this Houſe his Accounts of ſaid Taxes.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *Iſrael Pemberton*, *John Wright*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to examine and inſpect the Publick Accounts, and that they make their Report of the State thereof to a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe do forthwith reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the ſaid Meſſage, and what Buſineſs may be neceſſary for this Houſe to go upon at this Juncture; and that conſidering the Indiſpoſition of the Speaker, the ſaid Grand Committee do meet at the uſual Place of Meeting, and that they make Report of their Proceedings to this Houſe To-morrow at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Governor's Meſſage be read again; which was done accordingly.

And then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Grand Committee accordingly, the Houſe being adjourned till Three a Clock To-morrow in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 19. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Members appointed in *February* laſt, to prepare and bring in the ſeveral Bills that were ordered to be brought in the Twentieth of *April* laſt, and whoſe Report was then deferred, do now bring in ſuch Bills as they have got ready; and accordingly *David Lloyd* delivered to the Speaker two Bills, intituled, *&c.* * *William Fiſhbourn* five Bills, and *Clement Plumſted* four Bills.

Richard Hill, Eſq; Chairman of the Grand Committee, reports, that according to Order they had taken the Governor's Meſſage into Conſideration; and that the Committee of Accounts had gone upon the Buſineſs to them referred, and made their Report to them, that in all Probability the Publick Funds now laid will prove ſufficient, in a reaſonable Time, not only to anſwer all the former Orders of this Aſſembly charged upon the ſame, but alſo to defray ſuch other neceſſary Demands as this Aſſembly ſhall think fit to order for the Support of Government, *&c.* whereupon the Committee came to the following Reſolves, to be laid before the Houſe, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; for Support of Government.

Reſolved, That *Seventy-five Pounds* be paid to *David Lloyd*, Chief Juſtice, for the remaining Part of his Salary for this preſent Year.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be paid out of the Treaſury to *Andrew Hamilton*, Eſq; Attorney-General, as the remaining Part of his Salary of *Sixty Pounds* for this preſent Year.

Reſolved, That all the Diſburſements of the ſeveral Committees in preparing Bills, by Order of the Houſe, be enquired into, and diſcharged.

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Petitions unanſwered, and now lying before this Houſe, be taken into Conſideration.

And the Houſe going upon Conſideration of the ſaid Report, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; for Sup-

* The Titles of theſe Bills are omitted in the Records of Aſſembly.

1719. 6th Mo. 19. Support of Government, to be paid out of the Publick Treaſury of this Province, and that an Order be forthwith iſſued under the Speaker's Hand for Payment of the ſame? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

And the ſaid Order was iſſued accordingly.

The Queſtion being put, that an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand on the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Payment of *Seventy-five Pounds* to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Province, for the remaining Part of his Salary for this preſent Year? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

And the ſaid Order was iſſued accordingly.

The Queſtion was put, that an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand on the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Sum of *Thirty Pounds*, payable to *Andrew Hamilton*, Attorney-General, as the remaining Part of his Salary of *Sixty Pounds*, voted by this Aſſembly for this preſent Year? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

And an Order was iſſued accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Charges for drawing of Bills, which were committed to the ſeveral Committees of this Aſſembly to be prepared and brought in, be paid and ſatisfied; and that the ſaid Committees do bring in the ſaid Bills, and the Accounts of the Charges thereof, To-morrow Morning to the Grand Committee.

A Petition of *Robert Ellis*, praying to be re-imburſed his Charges by him paid and diſburſed in taking and bringing to Priſon certain Pirates, with the Account of the Charges thereof annexed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That (there not appearing to this Houſe any Order from the Governor, or other ſufficient Authority, for the ſaid Diſburſements) the ſaid Petition be delivered back to the Petitioner.

Reſolved, That, in Conſideration of the Speaker's Indiſpoſition, this Houſe do meet To-morrow Morning at Eight a Clock in a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider the Petitions now lying before this Houſe, and to take and ſettle the ſaid Charges of drawing Bills, and other immediate Services of this Aſſembly, and to conſider ſuch other publick Accounts as ſhall be laid before them.

Ordered, That *David Lloyd*, *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, do wait upon the Governor, and preſent him with the Aſſembly's Order on the Treaſurer; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 20. The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, delivered to the Governor the Aſſembly's Order on the Treaſurer for *Four Hundred Pounds*; who gave the Houſe his hearty Thanks for the ſame.

Richard Hill, Eſq; Chairman of the Grand Committee, reports to the Houſe, That, according to the Order of Yeſterday, the Committee have taken into Conſideration the ſeveral unanſwered Petitions now lying before this Houſe; and alſo proceeded to examine the Accounts of immediate Services, and other publick Debts; all which the Committee have directed him to lay before the Houſe for their Approbation, and are as follows, *viz.*

On Conſideration of the Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, the Committee conceive, that the Petitioner be referred to the Law, now in Force, for ſettling his Ferry.

On the Petition of the Juſtices of *Cheſter* County, that the ſame be referred to further Conſideration.

On the Petition of the Sadlers and Curriers, and alſo the Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, about Leather, that the ſame are anſwered by bringing in the Bill for right ordering of Hides, and well tanning and currying Leather, *&c.*

On the firſt Petition of *Rebecca Richardſon*, the Committee have agreed, that ſhe the ſaid *Rebecca*, not having made out and manifeſted to the Aſſembly, on the Fourteenth of *February* laſt, that any of the Matters of the ſaid Petition, or the Allegations therein contained, are true, that therefore the ſaid Petition be laid aſide.

On the ſecond Petition of the ſaid *Rebecca Richardſon*, the Committee conceive, that if the ſaid *Rebecca* can prove any Frauds in the Sale of the Houſe, thoſe concerned may have their Remedy in Law or Equity.

On the ſeveral Accounts laid before this Houſe, the Committtee have agreed that *David Lloyd*'s Account for drawing the Bills, intituled, *An Act for right ordering Hides, and well tanning Leather*, &c. and the Bill *againſt Blaſphemy*, be allowed, — —	£	4	12 0
William Aſheton's Account for drawing Bills committed to *Clement Plumſted*, *&c. viz.* An Act for the Breed and Increaſe of good Horſes; an Act to prevent the killing of Deer out of Seaſon; an Act to prevent Perſons, not qualified accordingly, from ranging the Woods with Guns, and ſhooting in other Peoples Lands and Plantations; alſo to prohibit the throwing Squibs, Rockets, *&c.* and firing Guns within the City of *Philadelphia*; and an Act to prohibit Perſons, who are not Freeholders, from keeping great Number of Horſes, and great Cattle, — —		3	0 0

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William Fiſhbourn for preparing the Bills, *viz.* An Act for the better Encouragement of making right good Flour; an Act for building and maintaining Pounds in this Province; an Act for regulating of Party Walls, Buildings, and Partition Fences in the City of *Philadelphia*; and an Act for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, Towns of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, &c. — —	2	0	0
That *Maurice Liſle*'s Account of Clerkſhip, being for the immediate Service of this Houſe, be allowed, — — —	14	11	6
That *Nicholas Roſogan* Door-keeper's Account be allowed, —	1	5	6
That *Andrew Bradford*'s Account for printing, *&c.* be allowed, and ordered Payment, after former Orders iſſued, — —	20	0	0
That *Ralph Aſheton*'s Account as Clerk of the Council, and ſundry other publick Services, be allowed, and ordered Payment, after former Orders iſſued, — — — —	24	16	0
That *William Pawlett*'s Account for Attendance on the Council, be allowed, and ordered immediate Payment, — —	4	16	8

And the ſaid Report being conſidered, and debated in the Houſe, the Queſtion was put, that the Houſe do agree to and confirm the ſame, and all the Articles therein contained? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Orders on the Treaſurer for the ſeveral Sums mentioned in the ſaid Report, payable to the ſeveral Perſons to whom the ſame are allowed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for the right ordering of Hides, and true and well tanning, currying and working of Leather, and againſt the Exportation thereof, was read the firſt Time; and, after a conſiderable Debate, committed to *David Lloyd*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, and that they bring it to the Houſe To-morrow at Nine a Clock in the Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 21.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lloyd reported, from the Committee to whom the Bill for right ordering Hides, *&c.* was committed, that the Time being ſo ſhort, they had not made much Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and therefore, conſidering the Seaſon of the Year, and the Speaker's Indiſpoſition, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill be laid aſide for further Conſideration? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Charles Brockden brought in his Account of publick Services, amounting to the Sum of *Eleven Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Nine-pence Halfpenny*, and ſubmitted the ſame to the Correction of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer, payable to the ſaid *Charles Brockden*, for the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, in full of his ſaid Account.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for their Service, and that the Clerk do ſign a Ticket to the Speaker of his Service; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſum of *Six Shillings* to the Clerk, and *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence* to the Door-keeper, be added to their Accounts, being for one Day's Service ſince their Accounts allowed; and then the Speaker, according to Order, ſigned the following Orders on the Treaſurer, *viz.*

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David Lloyd, for immediate Services, — —	4	12	0
William Fiſhbourn, for Ditto, — — —	2	0	0
William Aſheton, for Ditto, — — — —	3	0	0
Maurice Liſle, for Ditto, — — — —	14	17	6
Nicholas Roſogan, for Ditto, — — — —	1	8	0
Ralph Aſheton, for publick Services, — — —	24	16	0
Andrew Bradford, for publick Services, — —	20	0	0
William Pawlett, for Attendance on the Council, — —	4	16	0
Charles Brockden, for publick Services,	10	0	0

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Iſrael Pemberton*, or any of them, do aſſiſt the Speaker to examine and regulate the Minutes or Journal of this Seſſion, and that the Clerk make a fair Copy thereof for the Governor, and another for the Coffee-houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker do ſign the fair Journal or Record of the Proceedings of this Aſſembly.——*And then the Houſe adjourned.*

At

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1719.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the Year enſuing, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Richard Hill,	*Iſaac Taylor*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
William Trent,	*Joſeph Pennock*,	*John Sotcher*,
Robert Jones,	*Moſes Key*,	*William Biles*,
Jonathan Dickinſon,	*John Bezor*,	*Thomas Watſon*,
William Fiſhbourn,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Joſeph Bond*,
Toby Leech,	*John Maris*,	*William Paxton*,
Rees Thomas,	*James Gibbons*,	*Stoffel Vanſant*,
Francis Rawle.	*Evan Lewis*.	*William Stockdale*.

City of Philadelphia.
Iſaac Norris. *Clement Plumſted*.

1719. *8th Mo.* 14. A QUORUM of the Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker; and *William Trent*, Eſq; was, *Nemine Contradicente*, elected Speaker of this Aſſembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Joſeph Bond*, *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe, in order to preſent him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

8th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor report, they had attended the Governor accordingly; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, he would ſend the Houſe Notice when he would be attended by them.

A Meſſage from the Governor by his Secretary, That he expects the Attendance of the Houſe forthwith, at his own Houſe: And accordingly the Aſſembly went to wait upon the Governor to preſent their Speaker; who was pleaſed to approve him. The Houſe being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had attended the Governor; and that he had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy; and alſo, that the Governor had delivered to him the Approbation of the Lords Juſtices, in Council, to a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof.*

Several of the Members preſent took and ſubſcribed the Qualifications appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate the Elections*; and alſo the Abjuration appointed by the Act of Parliament of the Firſt of King GEORGE; firſt the Speaker in his Chair, and after him the Members in their Courſe, as follows, *viz. William Trent*, Eſq; Speaker, *Richard Hill*, *Robert Jones*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Toby Leech*, *Rees Thomas*, *Iſaac Norris*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *Joſeph Pennock*, *Moſes Key*, *John Bezor*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *John Maris*, *James Gibbons*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *John Sotcher*, *William Biles*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Joſeph Bond*, *William Paxton*, *Stoffel Vanſant*, and *William Stockdale*; and then the ſaid Members took their Seats in the Houſe.

Evan Lewis, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Cheſter*, craved Leave to be qualified according to the Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take the ſolemn Affirmation*, formerly allowed in *Great-Britain*; and, after ſome Debate,

Ordered, That the ſaid *Evan Lewis* have Liberty to qualify himſelf as the ſaid Act directs, to ſit and Act in this Houſe; which was done accordingly, and he took his Seat.

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The Governor's Speech was read, and ordered to be read again this Afternoon.

The Approbation of the Lords Juſtices to the Law, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, was alſo read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. *8th Mo.* 15. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Speech was, according to Order, read again, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I MUST reflect on every Occaſion which I have had to meet the Aſſemblies of this Province, with great Satisfaction; and the preſent Opportunity cannot poſſibly leave a leſs agreeable Remembrance, ſince I have the Pleaſure to preſent you with the royal Aſſent to, and perpetual Confirmation of, a Law which gives you the full Enjoyment of *Engliſh* Liberties; and therefore muſt doubtleſs be, for ever, valued by yourſelves and your Poſterity, as an ineſtimable Freedom and Birth-right; I mean the Act which I paſſed in *May*, 1718, *for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof.* Governor's Speech.

'This Succeſs has been chiefly owing to the perfect Harmony and good Correſpondence that has hitherto ſubſiſted between me and the Repreſentatives of the People; a Circumſtance which ſecures our Peace, and puts us above the Reach of Faction; for ſo long as your Friends in this Government continue to be mine, my Enemies muſt, unavoidably, expect to be treated as yours; and while ſo guarded, what have we to fear?

'Gentlemen, knowing that it is not an uſual Seaſon of the Year for a long Seſſion, I would not overcharge you with Buſineſs; only I muſt in one Point take Leave to recommend to you the Imitation of an *Engliſh* Houſe of Commons, by voting at firſt the Sums which you ſhall judge neceſſary to ſupport the Charge of Government for the current Year; and then, with Conveniency, proceeding to the Ways and Means for raiſing that Supply: This Method not only gives Life and Credit to the Adminiſtration, but will be of great Uſe to me, both in the Management of the Publick and my own private Affairs, which equally depend upon your Conduct and Good-will.'

And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 16.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, do draw up and prepare an Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, and bring it to the Houſe this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Robert Jones*, acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, *&c.* that they get their Accounts of the Publick Funds ready to lay before this Houſe the fourth Day of *January* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed to draw the Addreſs to the Governor, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which was read; and after ſome Amendments, agreed to by the Houſe, *N. C. D.* and is as follows.

To the Honourable *WILLIAM KEITH*, Eſq; Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in Aſſembly met, in Anſwer to his Speech of the 15th Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

THE Satisfaction the Governor is pleaſed to expreſs on his meeting the ſeveral Aſſemblies of this Province is very agreeable to this Houſe; And as his Care on all Occaſions hath, hitherto, been an evident Proof of his Affection to the Inhabitants thereof, and his extraordinary Diligence in ſo ſpeedily getting the royal Approbation to the Law, intituled, An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof, *is a further Inſtance of his great Care and Regard to the Peace and Tranquility of this Province, which lays the Inhabitants thereof under laſting Obligations, and will, we preſume, continue an agreeable Harmony between the Governor and the People of this Province, as well as defeat the Endeavours of ſuch who may juſtly be eſteemed Enemies to him and our Conſtitution.* Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

The Circumſtances of this Country, the State of the Publick Funds, and our preſent Inclination to an Adjournment conſidered, we crave Leave to proceed no further at preſent than to aſſure the Governor, that being deeply ſenſible of the many Obligations this Province lies under, we eſteem it our indiſpenſible Duty to ſupport the Governor and Government to the utmoſt of our

1719. 8th Mo. 16. *Power, and hope, at our next Meeting, chearfully to perform the ſame to general Satisfaction.*

By Order of the Houſe,

WILLIAM TRENT, Speaker.

Ordered, That the ſame being ſigned by the Speaker, be preſented to the Governor by *Clement Plumſted*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*; and that the ſaid Members acquaint the Governor, this Houſe incline to adjourn till the fourth Day of *January* next: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they delivered the Addreſs to the Governor; for which he returns the Houſe Thanks; and that the Governor agreed to the propoſed Time of Adjournment; and deſired the Houſe would ſend the Approbation of the Law, *for Advancement of Juſtice*, &c. to the Rolls Office to be recorded, and order that then it be lodged in the Secretary's Office.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Clement Plumſted* do ſee the ſame performed accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fourth Day of *January* next.

1719-20. 11th Mo. 4. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 5. The Houſe met, &c.

William Fiſhbourn and *Clement Plumſted* report, that they had waited on the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to tell them, that he had ſomething to lay before the Houſe, which he would do this Day by Eleven a Clock.

Richard Hill and *Robert Jones* reported, that, according to Order of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, they had ſpoke to the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, &c. to get their Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe at this Meeting.

Ordered, That the Provincial Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, &c. lay their reſpective Accounts before this Houſe this Afternoon; and that *John Sotcher* acquaint them therewith.

Clement Plumſted reported, that, according to Order of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, he had carried the Approbation of the Lords of Juſtices, in Council, to a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, and more certain Adminiſtration thereof*, to the Rolls Office; and that the ſame being there recorded, he had delivered it to the Secretary, *James Logan*.

Reſolved, That *Peter Worrall* be continued Serjeant at Arms to this Aſſembly upon the uſual Salary of *Five Pounds per Annum*; who appearing, was atteſted to the due Execution of his Office.

John Sotcher reported, that he had delivered the Mind of the Houſe to the Treaſurer and Collector; who will get their Accounts ready, and attend the Houſe, according to Order.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Houſe immediately at the Court-houſe: And then the Speaker and Aſſembly went to wait upon the Governor accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had attended the Governor; who was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy; and alſo, that the Governor had delivered to him, to lay before the Houſe, the Repeal of the Lords Juſtices, in Council, to certain Laws paſſed in Governor *Gookin*'s Time, both which were read, and the Speech is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. ‘ I HAVE no Reaſon to doubt but that you are come at this Juncture fully ſatisfied ‘ with the Orders that I lately received from *England*, relating to this Government, ‘ which, by Advice of the Council, and for your Eaſe, I choſe to communicate to you by ‘ a printed Proclamation, rather than to call the Aſſembly purely for that End, without ‘ other Buſineſs.

‘ The Seaſon being now pretty well advanced, I depend upon the Aſſurances you gave ‘ me at your laſt Meeting to ſupport me in the Adminiſtration of this Government; and ‘ from the great Satisfaction which you then expreſſed at my late Succeſs in yours and the ‘ Country's Service, I am encouraged to hope you will give that the Preference to other ‘ Buſineſs at this Time, eſpecially ſince you know I never did, and, from the uninterrupted ‘ Courſe of my Conduct, may be aſſured that I never will, refuſe you the Benefit of Paſſing any Laws which you ſhall, in Reaſon, judge at any Time to be wanting for the better Improvement and Advantage of the People whom you repreſent.

‘ I have

'I have ordered to be laid before you, an Inſtrument from *White-Hall*, repealing ſeveral 1719-20.
'Acts of the Aſſembly of this Province, paſſed in the late Governor's Time; and ſo ſoon as 11th Mo. 5.
'the Reaſons of ſuch Repeal, which I expect by the firſt Ship from *Britain*, ſhall come to
'my Hands, it ſhall likewiſe be ſent to the Houſe for your better Direction; for it is moſt
'certainly our Intereſt, as well as our Duty, to proceed in ſuch Matters with ſome Cau-
'tion, for ſo we ſhall, at all Times, have a more eaſy Acceſs to whatſoever we can reaſo-
'nably deſire.

'Gentlemen, the conſiderable Advantages which we daily reap from Unanimity and a per-
'fect Agreement between the Governor and Aſſembly, muſt certainly make the Continu-
'ance of it dear to every One that bears a true Affection to this Province, and its Intereſt;
'and this Rule, when duly applied, will ever afford us the beſt Touchſtone or Proof to
'diſtinguiſh *Pennſylvania*'s real from her pretended Friends.'

Ordered, That the printed Proclamation, mentioned in the Governor's Speech, be read; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and inform him, that the Houſe deſire he will pleaſe to lay before them the Inſtrument or Order of the Lords Juſtices in Council, for his Continuation in the Government, upon which the ſaid Proclamation is grounded; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Robert Jones and *Iſaac Taylor* reported, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, he would ſend thoſe Inſtruments and Papers to the Houſe this Afternoon.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a Copy of the Report of the Lords of Trade and Plantations to the Regency, for continuing him, the preſent Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; in the Government of this Province; alſo a Copy of Secretary *Delafay*'s Letter to Governor *Keith*, on that Head; which being read, was ſatisfactory to the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame be copied, and remain on the Files of the Houſe, and that the Clerk return them to the Governor.

Owen Roberts, Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* laid before the Houſe his Accounts.

Samuel Preſton, Provincial Treaſurer, attended, and acquainted the Houſe, that his Accounts were not quite ready, and deſired Leave till To-morrow Morning to perfect the ſame.

Ordered, That he attend the Houſe To-morrow Morning accordingly.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to ſettle the Accounts with the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 6.

The Treaſurer, *Samuel Preſton*, according to Order, attended, and laid before the Houſe his Accounts.

Francis Rawle, choſen and returned to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia*, not having hitherto attended,

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue his Warrant or Order to the Serjeant at Arms, forthwith to fetch the ſaid *Francis Rawle* to the Houſe, to anſwer his ſaid Neglect; which was done.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be read, which was done; and, after a conſiderable Debate thereupon,

Ordered, That the ſame be further conſidered the eighth Inſtant in the Afternoon.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts go upon the Matters to them referred, and make Report the eighth Inſtant, at Nine a Clock in the Morning, and that the Treaſurer's and Collector's Accounts now laid before this Houſe, be delivered to them.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to uſe the ſacred Name in an Affirmation, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Serjeant at Arms brought to the Houſe *Francis Rawle*, who gave the Houſe his Reaſons for his Abſence, and then read and ſubſcribed the Qualifications by Law appointed, and took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered, That a Bill, prepared by the laſt Aſſembly, for the right ordering Hides, and againſt the Exportation of tanned Leather, be read the firſt Time; which was done, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 7.

Ordered, That the ſeveral Bills, prepared by the laſt Aſſembly, and now lying before the Houſe, be read; and accordingly the Bill for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary, and not yet patented, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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1719-20. The Houſe met, *&c.*

11th Mo. 7. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Bill againſt Blaſphemy and Prophaneneſs, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for regulating Party Walls and Partition Fences in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, and Towns of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Clement Plumſted, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that they had made a conſiderable Progreſs in ſettling the Accounts of the Publick Funds, and deſired further Time to finiſh the ſame; which was granted.

Ordered, That *James Gibbons* acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* that they attend the Houſe this Afternoon at Three a Clock.

The Houſe, according to Order, went upon the further Conſideration of the Governor's Speech; and the ſame being read and debated, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; for his preſent Supply? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer for the Payment thereof; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Nicholas Gateau*, Victualler, complaining againſt the Exaction of the Duty for a *Negro* Man that had belong'd to, and liv'd in, this Province, and being ſent over into *Weſt-Jerſey*, for a ſmall Time, was bought by the Petitioner, and brought hither again, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

The Treaſurer and Collector attended, according to Order, and the Houſe being acquainted of ſome Delays of the ſaid Collector, in the Diſcharge of his Duty, he was put upon the better Performance thereof in getting in the Publick Monies, and paying it into the Treaſury; and then the ſaid Treaſurer and Collector were ordered to attend the Committee of Accounts, till the Accounts of the Publick Funds were finiſhed and compleated.

Ordered, That the Committee acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector, that all Bonds taken for the Publick Monies ariſing on the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly of this Province, that are not ſatisfied in two Months after the Time of the Debenture is out, be forthwith put in Suit by the Attorney-General, and that the Treaſurer ſee the ſame done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired, with *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Rees Thomas*, and *William Stockdale*, to wait upon the Governor with the Aſſembly's Order for *Four Hundred Pounds*; and to acquaint him, that there are ſeveral Bills prepared, and now lying before this Houſe, which they judge will be moſt convenient to be perfected, with ſome others to be prepared, that are now repealed, when the Reaſons for ſuch Repeal ſhall be obtained; and therefore this Houſe incline to adjourn till the ſecond Day of the *Third Month* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 9. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Speaker reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, had waited on the Governor, and had delivered to him the Aſſembly's Order on the Treaſurer for *Four Hundred Pounds*, for which he returns the Houſe Thanks; and alſo acquainted him with the Inclinations of the Houſe as to the Adjournment; to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, they ſhould hear from him this Morning.

Clement Plumſted, from the Committee of Accounts, brought to the Houſe the Report of the ſaid Committee in Writing, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered the ſame in at the Table; and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth allow of and confirm the ſaid Report? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; which Report is as follows.

THE Committee appointed, by Order of the Houſe of the fifth Inſtant, to ſettle the Publick Accounts with *Samuel Preſton*, Treaſurer, and *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt Duties on *Negroes*, Tonage and Exciſe, report, that they have ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Account, and there remains Balance due to him the Sum of *Six Hundred* and *Thirteen Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Seven-pence*; beſides which, there are ſundry Orders of former Aſſemblies which are not yet taken up, amounting to, as *per* the Liſt hereunto annexed, the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Eighty-one Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*; which makes the whole Debt of the Province unto this Day, not including any Orders of this preſent Aſſembly, the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Ninety-four Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*.

The Committee hath alſo ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt on Liquors, *Negroes*, Tonage and Exciſe, and find the ſaid *Owen Roberts* credits the Province the Sum of *One Thouſand Five Hundred* and *Sixty-eight Pounds*, and *Ten-pence*, received by him in Manner following.

On

On Ballance of Account ſettled with the Committee of the laſt Aſſembly, — — —	£	472	8	5¼	1719-20. 11th Mo. 9:
Since which, he hath received for Impoſt on Rum, Wine and *Negroes*, to the Eighth of the *Seventh Month* laſt, —		465	19	0¾	
For Tonage from the 21ſt of the *Ninth Month*, 1718, to the 22d of the *Ninth Month*, 1719, — —		134	8	1¾	
On the late Exciſe Act, expiring the Fourteenth of *May* laſt,		461	5	9	
On the Duty of Goods imported from *New-York*, —		33	19	6	
In all,	£	1568	0	10	
Of which Sum he hath paid in to the Treaſury, —		1129	15	2	
Remains due from him,	£	438	5	8	

Of which Sum of *Four Hundred* and *Thirty-eight Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, there remains out-ſtanding about *Three Hundred Pounds*, as *per* Liſt of Debts laid before us; and alſo the whole Exciſe remains unaccounted for ſince the Commencement of the laſt Act, *viz.* From the Fourteenth of *May*, 1719; which Account the Officer cannot now compleat, his Deputies for the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, having not yet brought in their Accounts; ſo that the Committee can only obſerve on this, that the Exciſe for the firſt three Months for the County of *Philadelphia*, which is received by the Officer, amounts unto *One Hundred* and *Eighty-ſeven Pounds*, *Nine Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, clear of all Charges.

Upon the Whole, the Committee beg Leave to obſerve, that the whole Debt of the Province, on the Balance of the Treaſurer's Account, and all other Orders iſſued by former Aſſemblies, is *Seven Hundred* and *Ninety-four Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*: That to diſcharge this, there remains in the Collector's Hands the Balance of his Account, as being *Four Hundred* and *Thirty-eight Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*.

That the Money ariſing on the late Exciſe Act remains entire ſince *May* laſt, being Eight Months.

That in three Months, *per* Account for one County, the Exciſe is *One Hundred* and *Eighty-ſeven Pounds*.

That all Duties on Liquors and *Negroes*, ſince the Eighth of *September* laſt, remains to be brought to the Credit of the Publick.

All which being conſidered, we are of Opinion, that when theſe ſeveral Sums are received, and paid in to the Treaſury, there will remain a Balance due to the Province; all which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe.

Liſt of Orders not taken up by the Treaſury.

Indian Treaties, — — —	£	50	0	0
William Fiſhbourn, — — —		2	0	0
Andrew Bradford, — — —		20	0	0
David Lloyd, — — —		75	0	0
Ralph Aſheton, — — —		24	16	0
Charles Brockden, — — —		10	0	0
	£	181	16	0

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker; and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'BY your Meſſage laſt Night, I perceive you are inclined to adjourn for ſome Time. It was however ſome Satisfaction to me to underſtand that you are unanimouſly of Opinion to ſupport the Charge of Government; and that you would, at your next Meeting, make up the Deficiency of your Performance now. Governor's Meſſage.

'And ſurely if your own ſolemn Engagements, by your Addreſs of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, the Intereſt of your Country, and the Reputation of the moſt conſiderable Body of Men amongſt you, can have any Weight with the Houſe, you will doubtleſs ſhew yourſelves forward even to do more than I expect from you.'

January 9, 1719. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, acquaint the Collector, the Houſe expects him to compleat the Accounts of the Impoſt and Exciſe for the firſt nine Months, in order to lay them before the Aſſembly at their next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſecond Day of the *Third Month* next. Adjournment.

1720. 3*d Mo.* 2. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Toby Leech*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3*d Mo.* 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin, and *Toby Leech*, reported, that they had waited on the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to tell them, that he deſired the Houſe would attend him this Morning, and would ſend the Houſe Notice when he was ready to receive them.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, that the Governor's Council not being readily to be got together, he therefore laid before the Houſe, in Writing, what he thought to have ſpoken himſelf; which written Meſſage was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage. ‘THE unanimous Diſpoſition which I underſtood was expreſſed amongſt you to finiſh the neceſſary Supplies for my Support, at the Time appointed for this Meeting, was the only Thing that could have made the Shortneſs and Deficiency of your laſt Seſſions acceptable to me; and as there ſhall not any Thing ever be wanting, on my Part, to nouriſh and continue that perfect Harmony and Agreement which has ſo happily ſubſiſted between me, and the Aſſemblies of this Province, from the Beginning of our Correſpondence, I cannot, under our preſent happy Circumſtances, ſuppoſe a Poſſibility of any Diſcontent upon your Parts.

‘The Inconveniencies which were apprehended from the Repeal of ſome of your Laws, have, by my Care, with the Advice of the Council, been diligently prevented, ſo that the Courſe of all the Courts of Law has, at no Time, been known to run with more Eaſe and Currency for the Diſtribution of Juſtice; and until ſome Complaint or new Inconveniency appears, I judge it will be our Wiſdom to reſt ſatisfied with the preſent Conſtitution in that Point.

‘Upon ſome Repreſentations that have been made to me, that a Court of Equity or Chancery was very much wanted in this Government, I thought proper to conſult the Opinions of Gentlemen learned in the Law, and others of good Judgment, who all agree, that neither we, or the Repreſentative Body of any of his Majeſty's Colonies, are inveſted with ſufficient Powers to erect ſuch a Court, or that the Office of Chancellor can be lawfully executed by any Perſon whatſoever, except him who, by Virtue of the Great Seal of *England*, may be underſtood to act as the King's Repreſentative in the Place; but the Opinion of your Houſe, of what may be with Safety done for your Country's Service in this Caſe, ſhall principally direct my Conduct.

‘Gentlemen, the Deficiency of the Publick Funds, for anſwering your Demands, upon the Treaſury of this Province, ſeems to require your particular Attention, ſince yours, and the publick Credit, as well as my Support, equally depend thereon.”

May 3, 1720. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That the Report of the Committee of Accounts, the ninth of the *Firſt Month* laſt, be read; which was done accordingly.

William Fiſhbourn and *Clement Plumſted* report, that, according to the Order of the ninth of the *Eleventh Month* laſt, they had acquainted the Collector of the Impoſt with the Mind of the Houſe.

Ordered, That *William Biles* inform the Collector that the Houſe requires his Attendance forthwith; who attended accordingly, and informed the Houſe, that his Accounts were not quite ready, but would compleat the ſame by To-morrow Noon.

Ordered, That he attend this Houſe To-morrow at Three in the Afternoon with the ſaid Accounts.

The Petition of *Robert Ellis*, praying to be paid ſome Monies he advanced to apprehend ſome Pyrates; alſo the Governor's Certificate of his granting the ſaid *Ellis* a Warrant for his ſo doing, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion was made, that this Houſe do proceed upon ſuch Bills as have had a firſt Reading in this Aſſembly, and alſo upon the Conſideration of the Governor's laſt Meſſage; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Matters be deferred till the Collector of the Publick Monies has laid his Accounts before this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment,

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

Owen Roberts, Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, *&c.* laid before the Houſe the preſent State of the Accounts of the Tonage on Veſſels, and Duty on Liquors and *Negroes* imported, and alſo the Account of the Exciſe; which laſt he informed the Houſe he could not make up and ſettle, becauſe his Deputies in the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, had not yet paid him any Monies on that Account; and the ſaid Accounts were read and conſider'd. 3d Mo. 4.

Then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Governor's laſt Meſſage, and the ſame was read and debated, and thereupon the Houſe came to the following Reſolves, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Six Hundred Pounds* be preſented to the Honourable *William Keith*, Eſq; or his Aſſigns, for his Support for this preſent Year; and that an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, on the Treaſurer, for Payment thereof out of the Publick Treaſury of this Province; which Order was iſſued accordingly.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued by the Speaker on the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Payment of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, out of the Publick Treaſury, to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Province, as his Salary for this Preſent Year, to be paid after all former Orders of this Aſſembly, and the immediate Services of this Houſe, are paid; and the ſaid Order was iſſued accordingly.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* to *Andrew Hamilton*, Eſq; Attorney-General of this Province, as his Salary for this preſent Year, to be paid after all other Orders and immediate Services of this Houſe are ſatisfied and paid; which Order was iſſued accordingly.

Reſolved, That, conſidering the preſent Circumſtances of this Province, it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that for the preſent the Governor be deſired to open and hold a Court of Equity for the Province, with the Aſſiſtance of ſuch of his Council as he ſhall think fit, except ſuch as have heard the ſame Cauſe in any inferior Court.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the lower Parts of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of their being rated in the County Levies in both Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter*, and praying that the Diviſion Line may be run between the ſaid Counties; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be recommended to the Governor and Council for Remedy.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired, with *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Bezor*, to wait upon the Governor, and preſent him with the Aſſembly's Order for *Six Hundred Pounds*; and that they deliver to him the Reſolve of this Houſe relating to the Court of Equity mentioned in his Speech; and that they further acquaint him, that this Houſe incline to adjourn to the Fifteenth of *Auguſt* next; and that the Governor be requeſted to appoint, that the Prothonotary of the Supreme Court may reſide in *Philadelphia*.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, reviſe the Minutes of this Aſſembly, and that the Clerk do fairly tranſcribe the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 5.

The Speaker, with the other Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, report, that they delivered to the Governor the Aſſembly's Order for *Six Hundred Pounds*, and alſo their Meſſage; to which he was pleaſed to anſwer, that he returned the Houſe Thanks for their Order on the Treaſurer; and that he would take proper Meaſures as to the Court of Equity; and that the Clerk of the Provincial Court ſhould reſide in *Philadelphia*; they alſo delivered to him the Petition of the Inhabitants of the lower Parts of the County of *Philadelphia*, according to the Order of the Houſe.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I RETURN you my hearty Thanks for the Support you have ſo readily and chear- Governor's
'full granted me; and as my greateſt Enjoyment and Satisfaction will always be placed Meſſage.
'in the true Honour and Proſperity of *Pennſylvania*, I cannot but joy with you to ſee this
'Time, when no other Emulation or Contention appears between the Governor and the
'People, but which ſhall ſhew themſelves moſt forward to promote the Eaſe and Happi-
'neſs of the other.'

May 5, 1720. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts be continued; and that they, or ſome of them, call upon the Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* from time to time, and preſs him to Diſpatch in getting in the Publick Monies, and that he be directed to pay the ſame into the Treaſury; and alſo, that he fail not to have his Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe the firſt Day of their next Meeting; and that they further acquaint him, that this Houſe expects

1720. pects, that at the ſame time he do fully account for his Deputies in the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*.

3*d Mo.* 5. *Ordered*, That the Collector be ſerved with a Copy of the above Order, and that another be delivered to the Committee; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fifteenth of *Auguſt* next.

Adjournment.

6*th Mo.* 15. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6*th Mo.* 16. The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Fiſhbourn and *Clement Plumſted* reported, they had waited on the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to deliver to them in Writing what he deſigned for a Meſſage to the Houſe; and alſo ſundry Minutes of Council, and the Copy of a Letter from him to the Governor of *New-York*, relating to the *Indians*, which he deſired might be laid before the Houſe; and they delivered the ſame to the Speaker.

Ordered, That the ſaid Meſſage be read; which was done, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly.

Governor's Meſſage. ‘ I HAVE ordered ſeveral Minutes of the Council to be laid before you, whereby you will not only perceive, that all due Regard has been had to the Particulars which, at your laſt Meeting, were recommended to me from your Houſe, but alſo you will underſtand the Reaſons of my Concern for the preſent defenceleſs Condition of this Colony, for which I intend to make all the Proviſion I can, by endeavouring to raiſe a voluntary Militia; and I hope my Care in ſo eſſential a Point of Government cannot be diſagreeable to you.

‘ I know, by Experience, that the Aſſemblies of this Province have a juſt Regard to their own Honour in the exact Performance of all their Promiſes and Reſolutions; wherefore I need only mention it to you, that when the Law *for the Advancement of Juſtice* was ſent Home, in the Year 1718, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* was then voted by the Aſſembly to be paid unto ſuch an Agent as ſhould be appointed for that and other Services.

‘ The great Share and Concern which, at the Aſſembly's earneſt Requeſt, I took upon me in obtaining a ſpeedy and full Approbation of that valuable Law is not unknown to the Speaker, and moſt of the preſent Members; and it is but doing Juſtice therefore to acquaint you, that my particular Friend, *Thomas Beak*, Eſq; was the principal and ſole Agent employ'd by me in that and other publick Affairs of this Province, for which he has not yet received the leaſt Conſideration.

‘ *Thirty* odd *Pounds*, *Sterling*, was, indeed, actually laid out of Pocket by Mr. *Henry Goldney*, Merchant, in *London*, of which Mr. Secretary *Logan* can particularly inform you.

‘ The Succeſs, however, and Diſpatch being chiefly owing to my Friend, who, by his convenient Reſidence at the Council-Office, in *White-Hall*, and his conſtant Correſpondence with me, daily demonſtrates a ready Capacity, as well as a hearty Inclination, to ſerve us; I make no Doubt, but the uſual Prudence and good Judgment of this Houſe will lead them to make ſuch an Acknowledgment of Mr. *Beak*'s paſt Services, as may effectually ſecure him in the Intereſt of this Colony for the future.

‘ Beſides many obvious Reaſons which ſeem to infer ſome Neceſſity of having a diligent and watchful Agent at home, the ſorry, underhand, groundleſs Complaints of many little buſy Bodies, which often give great Uneaſineſs to the Government of his Majeſty's Colonies abroad, and whereof this Province has had its own Share of Experience, ſufficiently demonſtrate the Inconveniencies we ſhall be continually ſubject to for want of ſuch an Officer.

‘ Whenſoever, therefore, the Houſe of Aſſembly ſhall think fit to relieve both themſelves and me from that Bondage, by a ſuitable Proviſion for a conſtant Agency, as is every where elſe eſtabliſhed in *America*, I muſt take Leave to recommend your Friend Mr. *Beak* unto your Thoughts, preferable to all others; and this I can promiſe, in his Behalf, that whatſoever incident Charges are by him laid out, as Occaſion requires, in the Publick Service, will be faithfully and particularly accounted for unto the Aſſembly, from Time to Time, and their Money diſpoſed of with the utmoſt Management and Frugality.

WILLIAM KEITH.

Ordered, That the Governor's Proclamation for holding a Court of Chancery be read; which was done, and follows in theſe Words, *viz.*

By

By Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Eſq; Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and the Counties of *New-Caſtle*, *Kent* and *Suſſex*, upon *Delaware*, 1720. 6th Mo. 16.

A PROCLAMATION.

WHEREAS Complaint has been made, That Courts of Chancery, or Equity, tho' abſolutely neceſſary in the Adminiſtration of Juſtice, for mitigating in many Caſes the Rigour of the Laws, whoſe Judgments are tied down to fixed and unalterable Rules, and for opening a Way to the Right and Equity of a Cauſe for which the Law cannot, in all Caſes, make a ſufficient Proviſion, have, notwithſtanding, been too ſeldom regularly held in this Province, in ſuch Manner as the aggrieved Subjects might obtain the Relief which by ſuch Courts ought to be granted. And whereas the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of this Province taking the ſame into Conſideration, did, at their laſt Meeting in Aſſembly, requeſt me, that I would, with the Aſſiſtance of the Council, open and hold ſuch a Court of Equity for this Province: To the End, therefore, that his Majeſty's good Subjects may no longer labour under thoſe Inconveniencies, which are now complained of, I have thought fit, by and with the Advice of the Council, hereby to publiſh and declare, That, with their Aſſiſtance, I purpoſe (God willing) to open and hold a Court of Chancery or Equity, for this Province of Pennſylvania, *at the Court-houſe of* Philadelphia, *on Thurſday, the Twenty-fifth Day of this inſtant* Auguſt; *from which Date, the ſaid Court will be and remain always open for the Relief of the Subject, to hear and determine all ſuch Matters, ariſing within this Province aforeſaid, as are regularly cognizable before any Court of Chancery, according to the Laws and Conſtitutions of that Part of* Great-Britain *called* England; *and his Majeſty's Judges of his Supreme Courts, as well as the Juſtices of the inferior Courts, and all others whom it may concern, are required to take Notice hereof, and to govern themſelves accordingly.*

Given at Philadelphia, *the tenth Day of* Auguſt, *in the Seventh Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord* GEORGE, *King of* Great-Britain, France *and* Ireland, *Defender of the Faith*, Annoq; Domini, 1720.

GOD ſave the KING. WILLIAM KEITH.

Reſolved, That the Governor's written Meſſage be forthwith taken into Conſideration, and the ſame was again read; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the ſame be further conſidered, when the State of the Publick Accounts are ſeen.

Ordered, That *Stoffel Vanſant* acquaint the Collector of the Impoſt, &c. that he attend the Houſe forthwith: Who attended accordingly, and laid his Books of the Publick Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn* acquaint the Treaſurer to attend this Houſe To-morrow Morning with his Accounts of the Publick Treaſury; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 6th Mo. 17.

The Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe, &c. attended, and laid their Accounts before the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, be a Committee on the ſaid Accounts, and report their Proceedings therein to the Houſe this Afternoon.

The Petition of *Robert Ellis*, relating to the Apprehending of ſundry Pyrates, who attempted to run away with a Veſſel out of this River, and praying an Allowance of his Expences in the Enterpriſe; was read a ſecond Time, and fully conſidered.

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Robert Ellis*'s Account, for the aforeſaid Undertaking, be allowed, and that an Order for Payment thereof be forthwith iſſued under the Speaker's Hand, *viz. Eight Pounds, Five Shillings*; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

William Fiſhbourn and *Clement Plumſted* report, that they had ſettled the Treaſurer's Account of the Publick Debts and Credits of the Province, the Balance whereof due from the Publick, including all Orders extant, to the ſixteenth Inſtant, is *One Thouſand Three Hundred* and *Seventy-ſeven Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, as by an Account, under the Treaſurer's Hand, remaining on the Files of this Houſe; and by the beſt Computation they can make of the Impoſt, and the Account of the Exciſe of the Three Counties, to the Fourteenth of *May* laſt, and Tonage to the Eighth of *July*, exhibited to them, there will come in to the Treaſury *Nine Hundred* and *Forty-four Pounds, Nineteen Shillings*, and *One Penny Half-penny*, beſides three Months Exciſe for the Three Counties, due to the Fourteenth Inſtant, which, we preſume, will be near a Ballance.

1720. 6th Mo. 17. *Ordered*, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Toby Leech*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that this Houſe deſire to know what Charge is already accrued in negotiating the Affairs of this Government at Home, and by whom ſuch Service was performed.

Ordered, That *John Sotcher* go to *James Logan*, and deſire him to inform the Houſe, what Account he hath from *Henry Goldney*, or others, of Money advanced in *Great-Britain* for the Service of this Government; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin and *Toby Leech* reported, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, That *Thomas Beak* had negotiated the Affair that was intruſted to him for this Province, and that *Henry Goldney* had advanced ſome Money towards defraying the Charge of that Negotiation, which was expended in the ſeveral Offices; but that *Thomas Beak* had received no Conſideration for his Trouble.

John Sotcher informed the Houſe, that he had called upon *James Logan*, as the Houſe ordered; who told him, that *Henry Goldney* had advanced *Thirty Pounds Sterling*, and upwards, for the Service of this Government, in getting the Law *for Advancement of Juſtice*, &c. approved, but had no Account of the Particulars of that Charge.

Upon the Debate of that Part of the Governor's Meſſage, about the Agency, and the Report of the Members this Morning,

Reſolved, That an Order be forthwith iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, for the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, out of the Treaſury, payable to the Speaker, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, or any two of them in Truſt, to anſwer ſuch Demands as are or ſhall appear due in *Great-Britain* for the Publick Services of this Province, purſuant to a Vote of Aſſembly the Thirty-firſt of *May*, 1718; and that the ſaid Perſons lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from time to time.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Norris*, and *Clement Plumſted*, draw up an Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's written Meſſage the Sixteenth Inſtant; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Iſaac Norris, and *Clement Plumſted*, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Addreſs, which was read, and is as follows.

Aſſembly's Addreſs.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

THE Repreſentatives of the Province of Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly, return to the Governor our hearty Thanks for his Meſſage of the ſixteenth Inſtant, and crave Leave to acquaint the Governor, that having read and fully conſidered the Contents thereof, this Houſe requeſts that the Governor would be pleaſed, in the Eſtabliſhment of the Court of Equity, further to anſwer the former Meſſage of this Houſe, by excepting ſuch of the Council for his Aſſiſtants, as have heard the ſame Cauſe in any inferior Court, which may come before them in Equity, without any other Reſtriction.*

As to what the Governor is pleaſed to mention in his Meſſage, that he intends to make all the Proviſion he can for the Defence of the Country, by endeavouring to raiſe a voluntary Militia, we can only crave Leave to obſerve to the Governor, that whereas the Majority of the Inhabitants of this Province, as well as the Members of this Houſe, are of the People called Quakers, *whoſe known Principles are againſt War, ſo we cannot encourage the ſame; yet, as we repreſent all the People of this Province, we do not think fit to reſtrict any of a different Perſwaſion from exerciſing their Freedom therein; but ſince the Governor apprehends it to be his Duty, this Houſe therefore requeſts the Governor, if he ſhall ſtill think fit to continue his Intentions, that he will uſe his wonted Prudence and Care, not only that it be voluntary, but that the Peace and Quiet of the Inhabitants, one amongſt another, may be preſerved.*

Although this Houſe does not, at this Seſſion, incline to ſtay together long enough to ſettle an Agency in ſuch Manner as we apprehend it ought to be done for general Service and Satisfaction, yet Care is now taken to appoint the Speaker, Jonathan Dickinſon, *and* Iſaac Norris, *Truſtees to receive Money from the Publick Treaſury as ſoon as it can be raiſed, in order to anſwer what may appear due from this Province for Services done in* Great-Britain.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſame, and that *Clement Plumſted*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Francis Rawle*, wait upon the Governor therewith, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſign to break up, unleſs the Governor has any other Buſineſs to lay before them, or requires their further Attendance: Who returned, and report, they delivered the Addreſs to the Governor; who read it, and returned the Houſe Thanks for the ſame, and expreſſed his Satisfaction with what the Houſe has done about the Agency; and alſo, that he will ſettle the Courts of Chancery exactly to the Mind of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for their Service, and that the Clerk witneſs a Ticket to the Speaker for his Service; which was done accordingly.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *Clement Plumſted*, examine and regulate the Journal of this Seſſion; and that the Clerk tranſcribe the Journal of all the Proceedings of this Aſſembly, in a Book, to remain as a Record in the Cheſt; and alſo a Copy thereof for the Governor. 1720. 6th Mo. 18.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the fair Journal or Record of the Proceedings of this Aſſembly.——*And then the Houſe roſe, and the Seſſion concluded.* Adjournment.

WILLIAM TRENT, Speaker.

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1720.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Robert Jones,	*Joſeph Pennock*,	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
Samuel Carpenter,	*Samuel Levis*, jun.	*John Sotcher*,
Rees Thomas,	*Iſaac Taylor*,	*William Biles*,
Iſaac Norris,	*Iſrael Taylor*,	*Thomas Watſon*,
Morris Morris,	*John Maris*,	*Joſeph Bond*,
Clement Plumſted,	*Ralph Pile*,	*Henry Nelſon*,
William Trent,	*Daniel Williamſon*,	*William Paxton*,
Richard Hill.	*David Lewis.*	*Joſeph Kirkbride.*

City of Philadelphia.
William Fiſhbourn, *Jonathan Dickinſon.*

A QUORUM of the Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges direct, proceeded to chooſe a Speaker, and *Iſaac Norris*, Eſq; was elected, *Nemine Contradicente*, Speaker of this Aſſembly; who was accordingly placed in the Chair. 1720. 8th Mo. 14.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, *Rees Thomas*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will pleaſe to be attended by the Houſe, in order to preſent him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 8th Mo. 15.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, he would be ready to receive the Houſe at Ten a Clock this Morning.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Rees Thomas*, wait upon the Governor, to know if he be ready to receive the Houſe: Who returned, and informed the Houſe, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend the Houſe Notice when he was ready to receive them.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, that the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, forthwith: And accordingly the Houſe went to wait upon the Governor, to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor; and that the Governor had been pleaſed to approve the Speaker, and make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'THOUGH the Conſtitution of the Government of this Province gives me frequent Opportunities of meeting new Aſſemblies, which Privilege, in other Places, has often bred Animoſities and Diſputes; yet, to the Honour and juſt Praiſe of the good People of *Pennſylvania*, it has, I thank God, during my Time, had a quite different Effect here; for the Bleſſings of Peace, Unanimity, and Contentment, have, hitherto, attended every Seaſon of our Meeting together; ſo that I am fully perſwaded all thoſe who have the Wiſdom to chooſe, or Goodneſs enough to reliſh the Advantages of an orderly and Governor's Speech.

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1720. 8th Mo. 15. ‘ quiet Government, will chearfully lay hold of every Opportunity to expreſs their Good-
‘ will and Deſire to ſupport and maintain that which is ſo neceſſary to continue the Enjoy-
‘ ment of their preſent happy Condition.

‘ You will, doubtleſs, obſerve, that moſt of the Acts of Aſſembly, upon which the Re-
‘ venue for the Support of Government depend, do expire this Year, ſo that it will be pro-
‘ per for you to meet upon the neceſſary Diſpatch of the Publick Buſineſs as ſoon as conve-
‘ niently you can; and in raiſing (as I may juſtly call it, with reſpect to the growing
‘ Strength and Ability of this Colony) that ſmall Supply which the Exigencies of the Go-
‘ vernment either require, or is expected from you, I hope you will endeavour that it be done
‘ with as much Equality, Juſtice, and Eaſe, to the Subject, as may be; and alſo with
‘ ſuch a due Regard to our happy Dependance upon the Favour and Protection of *Great-*
‘ *Britain*, as that there may not be any Occaſion given for the leaſt Complaint there.

‘ Gentlemen, you may be aſſured that I cannot even wiſh to be imployed in any Thing ſo
‘ much to my Satisfaction as that of promoting the Happineſs and Proſperity of this Pro-
‘ vince; but altho' I do actually employ my whole Time and Thoughts to that Service,
‘ yet I find that both you and I muſt frequently expect to be diſappointed without the Aſſiſt-
‘ ance of an Agent at Home; wherefore I moſt earneſtly recommend to you the ſpeedy
‘ Eſtabliſhment of ſo neceſſary an Officer.

‘ I ſhall conclude with obſerving to you, that too many Seſſions in one Year, and re-
‘ peated Delays in entering upon Buſineſs, does but add to your Trouble, and the Publick
‘ Charge; an Evil which is altogether in your own Powers to redreſs.’

October 15, 1720.

The Qualifications appointed by Law being read at the Table, the Speaker in his Chair ſubſcribed the ſame; and after him the Members in their Courſe, as follows, *viz. Iſaac Norris*, Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Rees Thomas*, *Morris Morris*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Richard Hill*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Joſeph Pennock*, *Samuel Lewis*, jun. *Iſaac Taylor*, *Ralph Pile*, *Daniel Williamſon*, *David Lewis*, *Jeremiah Langborne*, *John Sotcher*, *William Biles*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Joſeph Bond*, *Henry Nelſon*, *William Paxton*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*.

Samuel Carpenter attended, and deſired ſome further Time to conſider of the Qualifications before he took the ſame; which was granted.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech be again read; which was done: And thereupon the Houſe taking into Conſideration when would be the moſt ſuitable Time to proceed upon the Buſineſs of the Country, and what is recommended to them by the Governor's Speech; and, upon Debate, the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe, if the Governor concur, do adjourn to the ſixth Day of *February* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Daniel Williamſon*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, wait upon the Governor, and return him the Thanks of this Houſe for his Speech; and acquaint him, that the Houſe incline to adjourn till the ſixth Day of *February* next, if he pleaſe to approve thereof, and intend then further to conſider the Governor's Speech, and hope to anſwer the ſame to his Satisfaction.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, call upon the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* and preſs them to Diſpatch in getting in the Publick Monies, and not to fail of having their Accounts ready to lay before the Houſe at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, aſſiſt the Speaker in providing a Room convenient for the Aſſembly to ſit in at their next Meeting.

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, who approved of the Time of Adjournment, and hoped the Houſe would then heartily proceed upon Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſixth Day of *February* next.

Adjournment.

1720-21. 12th Mo. 6. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment, and will adjourn till To-morrow Morning at Nine a Clock, and deſire to know if he has any further Buſineſs to lay before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 7. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Samuel Carpenter, *Iſrael Taylor*, and *John Maris*, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for this Year, not being qualified at the laſt Meeting, now ſubſcribed the ſame Qualifications with the other Members, as the Law directs, and took their Seats.

The Members appointed, the fifteenth of *October* laſt, to call upon the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* report, that they had ſo done, and that they promiſed to attend the Houſe with their Accounts accordingly.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Seſſion be read; which was done.

Ordered, That the Rules practiſed by the laſt Aſſembly be read; which was done; and the

the ſame being conſidered, the Queſtion was put, that the ſame Rules, except the Eleventh, Eighteenth, and Nineteenth, ſhall be the Rules of this Aſſembly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; which remaining Rules are as follow, *viz.* 1720-21. 12th Mo. 7.

1. THAT any Member indecently carrying himſelf towards the Speaker, or any of the Members, by Reflections, or uncomely Behaviour, in the Houſe, or ſhall tranſgreſs this or any of the following Rules, ſhall for the firſt Offence be reproved, for the ſecond and after fined, as the Houſe thinks fit, not exceeding *Ten Shillings*. Rules of the Houſe.

2. That all Members, offering to ſpeak, ſtand up, and direct his Speech to the Chair, and ſpeak pertinently to the Occaſion, and having ended to ſit down; none to ſpeak more than twice to one Matter (eſpecially upon Bills) without Leave of the Speaker.

3. That none preſume to interrupt another, nor offer to ſpeak until the firſt ſits down.

4. That the Members forbear talking to each other, and keep Silence, unleſs when they have Occaſion to ſpeak in Order as aforeſaid.

5. That no Member endeavour to pervert the Senſe of another's Speech.

6. That the Speaker have Power to ſtop all unneceſſary, tedious, and ſuperfluous Diſcourſe, and to command Silence when needful.

7. That the Members avoid naming others when they may have Occaſion to obſerve or take Notice of their Speech, but have Reſpect to the Time of their Speaking, or to the Seat they have, as Right or Left-hand of the Chair.

8. That no Member preſume to go in or out before the Speaker, he being preſent, nor depart the Houſe without his Leave.

9. That upon Debates, and paſſing of Bills, the Majority of Votes ſhall govern; and when the Votes of the Members are equal in Number, the Speaker may have the Caſting Vote.

10. That the Speaker may, with the Conſent of the Houſe, require any Member offending to ſtand at the Bar, and there receive the Cenſure of the Houſe.

11. That no Member who is againſt the Body of a Bill ſhall be appointed to be of a Committee concerning that Bill.

12. That the Speaker may have Power to nominate Perſons for Committees; and that none who are nominated refuſe the Service; not that any of the Members ſhall be hereby debarred of their Privilege of nominating Perſons if they think fit, or rejecting ſuch as are nominated by the Speaker; in which Caſe, the Opinion of the Houſe ſhall rule.

13. That Bills to be paſſed into Laws, may be brought in by any particular Member, or received by them, or the Speaker from others, and preſented to the Houſe, who is to order the Clerk loudly to read them; and after reading, to be reſpectfully delivered to the Speaker, and by him to mark or note (by Breviate or otherwiſe) all Bills, and declare the Nature and Uſe of the ſame; which, if not rejected, to cauſe to be read a ſecond Time; and, after deliberate Conſideration thereon, and Amendments made, if needful, cauſe it to be read a third Time, and ſent to the Governor, as the Houſe ſhall think, for his Aſſent; but that no Bill be read twice in one Day, except on extraordinary Occaſions.

14. That at the firſt Reading of Bills the Members avoid any cloſe Debate, and ſeriouſly deliberate on the Contents, in order to their better Information before the ſecond Reading; and that the ſaid Bills do lie on the Table for the Members to peruſe; and that no Member preſume to carry a Bill out of the Houſe without Leave.

15. That all Queſtions put by the Speaker, to know the Mind of the Houſe, be anſwered by the Members ſtanding up, and ſaying Yea, or Nay, as they ſhall ſee meet.

16. That if it ſhall happen, that a Debate prove tedious, and any four Members ſhall ſtand up, and requeſt the Speaker to put the Matter in Debate to the Vote, he ſhall not refuſe it.

17. That thoſe Members who do not appear within Half an Hour after the Aſſembly's Bell ceaſes to ring, ſhall pay *Eight-pence*; and *Eight-pence* an Hour for every Hour's Abſence afterwards, unleſs they can ſhew Cauſe, to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, for the ſame, which ſhall be determined by an immediate Vote.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech, of the Fifteenth of *October* laſt, be read; which was done.

The Queſtion was put, that the Governor's Speech be anſwered in Writing? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him with the Meeting of this Houſe, report, they had ſo done; and that he was pleaſed to tell them, he had laid before the Aſſembly, at their laſt Meeting, what he thought was proper for them to take into Conſideration; that if the Aſſembly had any Thing for the Good of the Country to lay before him, it ſhould meet with his ready Concurrence; and what, hereafter, offered to him, fitting to lay before the Houſe, ſhould be communicated to them in Writing.

1720-21. *Ordered*, That the Governor's Speech be again read, and conſidered; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

12*th Mo.* 7. *Ordered*, That *Richard Hill*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *David Lewis*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, draw up an Addreſs in Anſwer thereto, and bring it to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, *Clement Plumſted*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee of Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts view and examine the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector this Afternoon, and make Report of the State thereof to the Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *Rees Thomas*, *John Soſcher*, and *John Maris*, and as many other Members as are not on other Committees, meet this Afternoon, and take an Account or Liſt of ſuch Bills and Petitions as now lie before this Houſe, and make ſuch Notes or Remarks thereon as ſhall occur to them to be convenient to be laid before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning preciſely.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee Yeſterday appointed to draw the Addreſs to the Governor, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which they delivered to the Speaker, and the ſame being read, was agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows.

The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in Aſſembly, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the 15th of *October* laſt.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

OUR laſt Meeting, (being at the Cloſe of the Week) not admitting Time for ſuch a Conſideration of the Governor's Speech as our Duty and Inclination obliged us to, we intreat the Governor's favourable Conſtruction of the Delay to this Seſſion; and have Reaſon to depend, that he will overlook that Accident, and ſo conſtrue our hearty good Intentions towards him as to make this Addreſs ſeaſonable.

As the annual Choice of Repreſentatives has its Advantages, ſo it is with equal Pleaſure and Satisfaction to the good People of this Province, that, thro' the wiſe Conduct of our Governor, and the Satisfaction the Aſſemblies have had therein, none of the Inconveniencies which might otherwiſe have attended ſuch Privileges have hitherto accrued.

We have now appointed a Committee to examine the State of the Publick Accounts, and ſhall forthwith proceed to take into Conſideration ſuch Acts, upon which any Part of the Revenue depends, as are near expiring; and obſerve (as it is our Duty) the Caution which the Governor recommends to us, in the further Eſtabliſhment of our Funds, for the Publick Exigencies of this Government, as much as is poſſible in our preſent Circumſtances.

Some Meaſures, we find, were taken by the laſt Aſſembly to anſwer what had been expended, or was neceſſary for the Service of this Country, in Britain, *by an Agency: Perſons were nominated, and an Order iſſued to enable them to make the neceſſary Remittances for the Satisfaction of thoſe who had depoſited and ſerved the Country in that Reſpect; but other preceding Orders having poſtponed that hitherto, we ſhall take Care, upon the Report now expected from the Committee, to go into what further Meaſures are in our Power to expedite that Affair.*

We are pleaſed that the Governor's Opinion ſtrengthens that of this Houſe, who ſee that frequent Adjournments are not advantageous to the Buſineſs of the Country, nor to the private Avocations of the Members, and it is hoped we ſhall act accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, ſigned by the Speaker, and preſented to the Governor by *Richard Hill*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *Daniel Williamſon*.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to take a Liſt of what Bills were lying before the Houſe, reported the Matter to them referred, and delivered to the Speaker the ſaid Liſt as follows.

Bills now lying before the Houſe.

An Act for the right ordering Hides, and true and well tanning, currying, and working of Leather, and againſt the Exportation thereof.

An Act for building and maintaining Pounds in this Province.

An Act for regulating Party-walls, Buildings, and Partition-fences, in the City of *Philadelphia*.

An Act for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, Towns of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*.

An Act againſt Blaſphemy and Profaneneſs.

An Act directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary or the preſent Truſtees of this Province, or by his or their Agents or Commiſſioners.

An Act for the better Encouragement of making right good fine Flour.

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An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying of Titles and pretended Rights. 1720-21. 12th Mo. 8.

A ſupplementary Act to a Law intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Dimenſions of Caſk, and for the true Packing of Meat for Tranſportation.*

An Act directing how petty Offences ſhall be puniſhed.

An Act for laying a Duty on Shallops, Flats, Boats and Canoes, belonging to the Weſtern Diviſion of *New-Jerſey*, which ſhall carry Goods or Paſſengers from this Province for Hire or Reward.

An Act aſcertaining the Privileges of Aſſemblies.

An Act againſt forcible Entry.

An Act againſt Robbing and Stealing.

An Act againſt Vagrants, *&c.*

An Act for the Breed and Increaſe of good Horſes.

An Act to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon.

An Act to prevent Perſons, not qualified accordingly, from ranging the Woods, with Guns, *&c.* And,

An Act to prohibit Perſons, who are not Freeholders, from keeping great Numbers of Cattle.

The Bill about tanned Leather was read, and conſidered, and

Reſolved, That inſtead thereof a ſhorter Bill be drawn up, which ſhall oblige the making good Leather upon a ſuitable Penalty; to lay a Duty upon Exportation of it when above *Nine-pence per* Pound; and to prevent the Inconveniencies which ariſe from tanning and currying by the ſame Perſon.

Ordered, That *Samuel Levis* go to the Committee of Accounts, and acquaint them, that the Houſe expects their Report immediately: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Committee were on the Buſineſs they had in Charge; but could not finiſh their Report till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 9.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Addreſs of this Houſe, report, that they delivered the ſame to him; who returned for anſwer, that he gave the Houſe Thanks for their affectionate Addreſs; and deſired them to inform the Houſe that he will readily join with whatſoever the Aſſembly ſhall think fit to propoſe to him for the Good of the Country; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for building and maintaining of Pounds in this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill about Party-walls and Partition-fences in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, Towns of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill againſt Blaſphemy, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands, ſold by the Proprietary, or his Commiſſioners, or Agents, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for the Encouragement of making good Flour, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 10.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt unlawful Maintenance, Champerty, Embracery, and buying of Titles and pretended Rights*, was read the firſt Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Law for aſcertaining the Dimenſions of Caſk, and for the true Packing of Meat for Tranſportation*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill directing how petty Offences ſhall be puniſhed, was read the firſt Time, and

Ordered, That, inſtead thereof, a Bill be prepared and brought in for Puniſhment of petty ~~Larceny in~~ a ſummary Way, and with eaſier Charge.

The Committee of Accounts informed the Houſe, that they were not yet ready to report the Publick Accounts; and deſired a Liſt of what Orders have been iſſued ſince the ninth of *January*, 1719, together with the Treaſurer's Account, ending at that Time, and alſo Leave to ſit again; which is granted.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Shallops, Boats*, &c. *belonging to the Weſtern Diviſion of* New-Jerſey, which carry Goods or Paſſengers for Hire or Reward, was read the firſt Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The

1720-21. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Rights and Privileges of the Aſſemblies of this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

12th Mo. 10. The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt forcible Entry*, was read the firſt Time, and the Queſtion being put, that it be read a ſecond Time? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt Robbing and Stealing*, was read the firſt Time, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſame be read a ſecond Time? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Increaſe and Breed of good Horſes*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill againſt killing Deer out of Seaſon, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill prohibiting Perſons, not qualified accordingly, to carry Guns, and ſhoot on other Mens Lands, *&c.* was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act prohibiting Perſons, not being Freeholders, to keep great Numbers of Horſes and Cattle*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Tranſcript, or Copy, of the Act of Parliament againſt Vagrants, was read; and the Houſe being of Opinion that ſome Part thereof might be beneficial to this Province,

Ordered, That a Bill againſt Vagrants be brought in, adapted to the Circumſtances of this Country, and, as near as may be, agreeable to the Laws of *Great-Britain*.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was read, giving his Thanks to the Houſe for their Civility ſhewn to the Governor of Maryland; and taking Notice, that himſelf avoids not the Expence and Care which attends ſuch Civilities as may render this Province eaſy and happy.

William Trent, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly, for the County of *Philadelphia*, not having hitherto attended, took and ſubſcribed the Qualifications, as the Law directs, and took his Place; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 13th Mo. 11. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee of Accounts delivered to the Houſe their Report in Writing, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

THE Committee appointed, by Order of the Houſe, the 7th of the *Twelfth Month*, 1720-1, to ſettle Accounts with *Samuel Preſton*, Treaſurer of this Province, and alſo with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Duty on Wine, Rum, *Negroes*, Exciſe and Tonage, report, That they have ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Account, and there remains Balance due to him, when all Orders are paid which have been iſſued unto this Day, the Sum of *Five Hundred Seventy-nine Pounds*, *Two Shillings*, and *Four-pence Halfpenny*; in which Sum is included *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, ordered by Aſſembly the 18th of *Auguſt* 1720, to be paid unto *William Trent*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, which they are to apply for Support of an Agency in *Great-Britain*, and to lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from time to time.

The Committee hath alſo ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, the Collector, and find that the ſaid Collector Credits the Province the Sum of *Two Thouſand Four Hundred Forty-five Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Six-pence Halfpenny*, received by him in Manner following.

On the Ballance of Account ſettled with the Committee the 9th of the *Eleventh Month*, 1719-20, — —	£	438	5 8½
For Impoſt on Wine, Rum and *Negroes*, to the 6th of *October*, 1720, — — —		668	2 6½
For Tonage to the 14th of *October*, 1720, — —		144	17 6
For Exciſe from the 14th of *May*, 1719, to the 14th of *November*, 1720, for *Philadelphia* City and County, — —		944	8 1½
Ditto for *Cheſter* from the 14th of *May*, 1719, to the 14th of *November*, 1720, — — —		195	7 6
Ditto for *Bucks* County only to the 14th of *May*, 1720, the Collector being ſick, — — — —		54	13 4
For Duty on Goods imported from *New-York*, none. —		0	0 0
	£	2445	14 8½

Of which Sum he hath paid into the Hands of the Treaſurer, £ 1703 15 0

Remains due to the Province, from the Collector, the Sum of *Seven Hundred Forty-one Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, and *Six-pence Halfpenny*, when all the Sums included in the Credit of the ſaid Collector's Account are received, which we beg Leave to obſerve is *One Hundred* and *Sixty-two Pounds*, *Eight Shillings*, and *Two-pence*, more than the Debt of the Province, due to the Treaſurer as above.

We

We cannot certify exactly what Sums are outſtanding of the Publick Money; but are well aſſured, by the Treaſurer and Collector, that there is paid and outſtanding a very conſiderable Sum of the above Ballance, which ſeems to be by our Settlement in the Collector's Hands. 1720-21: 12th Mo. 11.

The Petition of *William Aſheton*, praying to be diſcharged from Payment of the Duty for three of his Family *Negroes*, by him imported; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table for further Conſideration.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying a Bill may be prepared for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to take the ſolemn Affirmation; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie for further Conſideration.

The Houſe took into Conſideration what Sum ſhall be preſented to the Governor for his Support for the Year; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Conſideration thereof, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* be preſented and paid to the Governor, *William Keith*, Eſq; for his Support in the Adminiſtration of this Government for the Year? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe will on the fourteenth Inſtant reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the ſaid Support; together with ſuch other Sums as ſhall be needful to defray the other incident Charges of this Government for the Year.

Iſaac Taylor has Leave to be abſent till the fourteenth Inſtant.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, do examine which and how many of the Laws, relating to the Publick Funds, are near expiring, and report the ſame to the Houſe at their Meeting the thirteenth Inſtant; and then the Houſe adjourned till the thirteenth Inſtant. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 13.

William Fiſhbourn reported, that, according to Order, he, with the other Member appointed, had examined and taken a Liſt of ſuch Laws of this Province as are near expiring; which Liſt he delivered to the Speaker, and are,

An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province; expires the firſt Day of *June*, 1721.

An Act for continuing the Duty on Negroes *of* Five Pounds per *Head*; expires the firſt Day of *June*, 1721.

An Act for raiſing a Duty of Twelve-pence per *Ton on all Veſſels trading into this Province, the Majority of whoſe Owners being Non-reſidents*; expires three Years after Publication thereof.

An Act for the Encouragement of the Trade of this Province, laying Ten per Cent. *on all Goods and Merchandize imported or brought in from* New-York, Maryland, *or by way of* New-Jerſey, *or the Lower Counties, or colour'd by any of the Inhabitants of* Virginia; to continue as long as the Duties impoſed on Goods imported by or for the Inhabitants of this Province into *New-York*, or *Maryland*, reſpectively, and no longer; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 14.

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Day, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the neceſſary Supplies for the Support of this Government for the Year; and after ſome Time ſpent therein the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *Richard Hill*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, That they had taken into Conſideration the ſeveral Acts of Aſſembly of this Province, on which the Support of the Treaſury depends, and that the Committee were of Opinion, that the Act, intituled, *An Act laying an Impoſt on Rum, Wine, Brandy*, &c. be re-enacted, and continued as long as the Exciſe Act continues in Force; that the Act *for continuing the Duty on* Negroes, be recommended to the Houſe to be re-enacted and continued till the Expiration of the Exciſe Act; that the Act *for laying a Tonage on all Veſſels trading into this Province*, &c. be recommended to the Houſe to be continued as the reſt; that the Law *for better Encouragement of the Trade of this Province*, be recommended to the Houſe for the ſame Continuance, with an Amendment, which ſhall exempt all Perſons importing Goods from *New-York*, *Maryland*, &c. from the Duty impoſed by the ſaid Act, who ſhall ſhip off or return the Value in Country Produce, and not in Caſh; which Report was agreed to by the Houſe. And

Reſolved, That the ſeveral Acts as there mentioned be continued accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Grand Committee, and

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to prepare a Bill for continuing the ſaid Acts, *for laying a Duty and Impoſt on Wine, Rum, Brandy*, &c.

1720-21. 12th Mo. 14. *for continuing the Duty on* Negroes; and *for laying a Tonage on all Veſſels trading into this Province*; and that they add a Clauſe for exempting ſuch Veſſels from paying Tonage that ſhall fully load out with Bread, Flour, or Wheat.

The Petitition of ſundry Merchants, Traders, and others, praying that a Bill may be brought in for the Encouragement of raiſing Hemp; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

The Petition of a conſiderable Number of Inhabitants of this Province, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as conſcientiouſly ſcruple to uſe the Affirmation, by Law allowed, was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe; and that *Joſeph Kirkbride* acquaint ſome of them therewith.

The Petition of *William Aſheton*, praying to be diſcharged from Payment of the Duty of ſome of his Family *Negroes* by him imported, was read the ſecond Time; and alſo the Act for continuing the Duty on *Negroes*, was read

Ordered, That the Officer be directed to be well adviſed in reſpect of his Duty upon the ſaid Law, and where he finds Perſons to be exempt, that he fail not to take ſuch Security as the Law directs.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying Relief againſt ſome Incroachments upon his Ferry by the *Jerſey* and other Boats carrying Paſſengers, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſundry Merchants, and others, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for Encouragement of raiſing and manufacturing Hemp, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, and that *William Fiſhbourn* acquaint ſome of them therewith.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying Relief againſt ſome Incroachments upon his Ferry, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time;

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Law for Remedy.

The Petition of *Sarah James*, Wife of *Thomas James*, Mariner, praying to be paid ſome Monies, diſburſed by her ſaid Huſband in ſeizing and bringing up to *Philadelphia*, by the Governor's Order, one *Moſes Shepard*, and his Crew, ſupected to be Pyrates, or Felons, in a certain Veſſel or Schooner called the *May-flower*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, together with his Account of the ſaid Diſburſements, and the Governor's Certificate thereon.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be read again.

Richard Hill, from the Petitioners about the Affirmation, brought to the Houſe a Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for building and maintaining Pounds, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Richard Hill*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*.

The Petition of *Michael Koyle*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the Executors of *Sarah Quarry*, to make him a Title to a certain Houſe by him bought of the ſaid *Quarry* in her Life-time; was read, and ordered to be read again.

The Petition of *Jonathan Gale*, ſetting forth his Reaſons for his being accounted or allowed to be a Reſident and Inhabitant of this Province, and praying as ſuch to be exempted from the Duties laid on Goods imported by Strangers or Non-reſidents, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Iſrael Taylor being indiſpoſed in Health has Leave to return Home.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, praying the Settlement of a Ferry over *Delaware*, from *Thomas Canby*'s Mill, to *Weſt-Jerſey*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Salem*, complaining againſt the placing the Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *Glouceſter* at *Wicacoa*, and of ſeveral Abuſes committed by the Ferry-man, *Armſtrong Smith*, and praying that the ſame may be fixed within the Bounds of the City of *Philadelphia*, and another Ferry-man appointed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, affirming the Allegations in the Petition of the Inhabitants of *Salem* to be true; and deſiring the Ferry may be placed in the City of *Philadelphia*, and put under the Direction of the City Magiſtrates; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons concerned in the Stock of the Free Society of Traders, erected at the firſt Settlement of this Country, ſetting forth their Damage and Loſs for want

want of a Settlement of that Affair, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Relief therein; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading. 1720-21.

Clement Plumſted brought to the Houſe, according to Order, a Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Spirits, Cyder, Hops and Flax*, Negroes *and Veſſels, until the fourteenth Day of* May, *in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-two*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading. 12th Mo. 15.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, *John Maris*, and *Joſeph Bond*, purſuant to the Reſolve of the ninth Inſtant, prepare and bring in a Bill about tanned Leather.

The Bill for regulating Party-Walls, Buildings, and Partition-Fences, in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *William Fiſhbourn*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12th Mo. 16.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Sarah James* was read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, and *Clement Plumſted*, make Enquiry into the Matter of the ſaid Petition, and whether the ſaid Money was laid out for bringing up the Priſoners only, or for his Trouble and Charge in bringing up the Veſſel, and make Report to the Houſe.

The Petition of *Michael Koyle* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, enquire into the Circumſtances of the Caſe, and the Reaſonableneſs of the Petition, and report the ſame to the Houſe.

The Petition of *Jonathan Gale* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered;

Reſolved, That the Petitioner be left to his Remedy at Law.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of *Soleberry*, in *Bucks* County, was read the ſecond Time; and the Perſon named in the ſaid Petition to inform the Houſe of the Occaſion and Conveniency of the Ferry, declaring himſelf not applied to, nor informed therein, by any of the Petitioners;

Ordered, That the Petition be laid aſide till the Matter therein, and the Requeſt of the ſaid Petitioners, be recommended to the Aſſembly by the Juſtices of their County Court.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons concerned in the Stock of the Free Society of Traders, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer in their Petition, and that *Daniel Williamſon* acquaint ſome of them therewith; and that the Houſe expects that, with the Bill, they lay before them all Deeds and Papers they have in Poſſeſſion relating to the Society Lands.

The Petitions of ſundry Inhabitants of *Salem*; and alſo of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*; both relating to the Ferry to *Glouceſter*, were read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *William Biles*, do hear what Defence *Armſtrong Smith* can make againſt the Aſſertions in the ſaid Petitions; and alſo examine into the Truth of the ſaid Allegations; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Cyder, Hops, Flax, *Negroes* and Veſſels, until the fourteenth Day of *May*, in the Year One Thouſand Seven Hundred and Twenty-two; was read the ſecond Time, and agreed that a Clauſe be added to allow a Debenture to ſuch Veſſels, liable to pay Tonage, as ſhall load with Wheat, Bread, or Flour, proportionable to the Quantity thereof they export; and then the ſame was committed to *Iſaac Taylor*, *Morris Morris*, and *William Paxton*, to bring in a Clauſe accordingly.

Robert Jones and *William Biles* report, that *Armſtrong Smith* had attended them, and that they ſhewed him the Petitions againſt him; who affirmed that the Allegations therein were falſe, and deſired that, if he had committed any Miſdemeanour, the Law might be put in Execution againſt him; and alſo that he may be heard by the Houſe before any Thing be done to his Prejudice.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued to enquire further into the Matter to them referred; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12th Mo. 17.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſundry Tavern-keepers in the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Miſchiefs that happen from Dram-ſhops and Tippling-houſes, and praying ſome Meaſures may be taken to ſuppreſs them, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed to bring in a Clauſe to the Bill for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, *&c.* brought to the Houſe the ſaid Bill, with the ſaid Clauſe or Amendment, which was read, and conſidered, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Clauſe be inſerted in the Bill? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

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1720-21. 12*th Mo.* 17. The ſaid Committee alſo brought from the Attorney General a Propoſal to be added to the ſaid Bill, which was read and conſidered, and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Propoſal be received? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Committee appointed to amend the Bill for building and maintaining of Pounds, brought the ſame to the Houſe, with the Amendments; and the ſame, with the Amendments, being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be read and debated by Paragraphs; which being begun, and the Houſe not having Time to go through the Bill,

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Reſolved*, That this Houſe will proceed in the further Conſideration thereof this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Cyder, Hops, Flax, *Negroes* and Veſſels, until the 14th Day of *May*, 1722, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

Ordered, That *William Trent*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, do wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and that they deſire him to inform the Houſe if he has any Thing from *Great-Britain* relating to this Government.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, proceeded to the third Reading the Bill for erecting and maintaining Pounds; and, after ſome Amendment made thereto,

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor, returned, and report, they delivered the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Cyder, Hops, Flax,* Negroes *and Veſſels, until the* 14*th Day of* May, 1722, and their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, he would peruſe and conſider the Bill this Evening, and return the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and alſo told them he had received a Letter from the Proprietary's Widow, who informed him, that the State of the Affairs relating to this Government, on that Side, were not much altered ſince his laſt Advice, but that ſhe hoped an amicable and good Underſtanding would be ſettled in that Family; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor returned to the Houſe the Bill for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Cyder, Hops, Flax, *Negroes* and Veſſels, until the 14th Day of *May*, 1722, without any Amendment.

The Petition of *Samuel Haſell*, praying to be exempted from the Duty of a *Negroe* that belong'd to him in *Barbados* before his Removal hither, and by him imported for his Family Service, and not for Sale, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again.

Purſuant to a Reſolve of the tenth Inſtant, *William Fiſhbourn* laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Trial and Puniſhment of Larceny under* Five Shillings.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation*, was read the ſecond Time, debated, and committed to *William Fiſhbourn* and *Clement Plumſted*.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 20. *Ordered*, That *Jonathan Dickinſon* carry the ingroſſed Bill for erecting and maintaining Pounds, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till the twentieth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Jonathan Dickinſon reports, that he had, according to Order, waited on the Governor with the Bill for building and maintaining of Pounds; and that the Governor having approved thereof, returned the ſame by him to the Houſe.

Clement Plumſted and *Jonathan Dickinſon* report, that they had examined into the Matter of the Petition of *Sarah James*, and find that the Account of Expences was only for ſecuring and bringing up *Moſes Shepard*, and his Crew, and not the Veſſel.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *Twelve Pounds* be paid out of the Treaſury of this Province to the ſaid *Sarah James*, in Conſideration of her Huſband's ſaid Expence, and that an Order be iſſued accordingly.

They alſo report, that they had been attended by *Michael Koyle*, and find he has nothing to ſupport his Petition ſave a pretended verbal Contract made with *Sarah Quarry*.

The Petition of *Joſeph Antrobus*, relating to his Right in the Society Stock, and praying a Proviſo may be in the Bill in Favour of the Claimants in Poſſeſſion; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, &c.

1720-21. 12th Mo. 21. The Bill for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary or his Commiſſioners or Agents, was read the ſecond Time; and, upon Debate, the Houſe, conſidering the Bill to be of Importance, and doubting they have not Time to perfect it this Sitting,

Reſolved, That it ſtand committed.

The Bill for the Encouragement of making right good fine Flour; and alſo the Supplementary Act to the Law for aſcertaining the Dimenſions of Caſk, and for the true Packing of Meat for Tranſportation; were read a ſecond Time.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in better adapted to the Circumſtances of the Place, and to ſupply both the ſaid Bills; and that *Richard Hill*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Trial and Puniſhment of Larceny, under* Five Shillings, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Adjournment. According to Leave, a Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Raiſing of Hemp, and the Trade of this Province*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, &c.

David Lewis has Leave to be abſent on extraordinary Occaſions.

William Fiſhbourn, according to Order, brought to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the well tanning and currying of Leather, and the Cordwainers, and other Artificers, uſing or occupying Leather within this Province*; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, Towns of *Cheſter* and *Bucks*, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be deferred for further Conſideration.

Adjournment. The Committee on the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating Party-Walls, Buildings, and Partition-Fences, in the City of* Philadelphia, brought the ſame to the Houſe, with the Amendments, and the ſaid Bill, and Amendments, were read, debated, and recommitted for further Amendment; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 22. The Houſe met, &c.

The Committee to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating Party-Walls, Buildings, and Partition-Fences, in the City of* Philadelphia, was re-committed, brought the ſame to the Houſe, with the Amendments, and the ſaid Bill and Amendments were read; and, after ſome other Amendments made thereto, was agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Trial and Puniſhment of Larceny, under* Five Shillings, was read the ſecond Time, and debated; and ſeveral Amendments were made to the Bill.

The Members appointed to bring in a Bill for the Encouragement of making right good fine Flour, report, that they find more Difficulty in preparing the ſame than the Time between the Adjournments would allow to anſwer.

Ordered, That the ſame ſtand committed, and to be amended and brought in at the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

The Petition of *Samuel Haſell* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Law for Remedy.

A Motion being made, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill, better to declare and determine what Perſons ſhall be deemed Inhabitants or Reſidents in the Conſtruction of the Laws of this Province, eſpecially ſuch as impoſe Duties on Goods.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe at the next Sitting of this Aſſembly.

The Petition of ſundry Tavern-keepers in the City of *Philadelphia* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill accordingly.

Robert Jones, and *William Biles*, appointed the ſixteenth Inſtant to examine further into the Caſe of *Armſtrong Smith*, report, that they ſtill find ſundry Perſons that give them Informations againſt him of his Abuſes and Miſmanagements concerning his Ferry; which Report being conſidered,

Adjournment. *Reſolved*, That the Petitioners againſt the ſaid *Armſtrong Smith* be referred to the Law for erecting the ſaid Ferry for Relief; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, &c.

The Committee appointed to amend the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation*, brought to the Houſe the ſaid Bill and Amendment.

1720-21. 12th Mo. 22. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Amendment be read, which was done; and, after ſome Debate, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Amendment be inſerted in the Bill? *Paſſed in the Negative.* And then the ſaid Bill was read the third Time; and, after ſome other Amendments made thereto, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſame be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 23. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Trial and Puniſhment of Larceny, under* Five Shillings, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act againſt Blaſphemy and Profaneneſs*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, praying an Alteration of the Currency of Money, was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

The Bill to encourage the Raiſing of Hemp, and the Trade of this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, carry the Bills for regulating Party-Walls, *&c.* for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation; and for Puniſhment of Larceny, under *Five Shillings*, to the Governor, for his Approbation; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petitioners to the Petition about the Alteration of the Currency of Money, deſired Leave to withdraw their Petition, to make ſome Amendment thereto; which is granted: And, after Amendment, was returned to the Houſe, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed to wait on the Governor this Morning with the Bills for his Approbation, report, that they delivered the ſame to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, he would conſider thoſe Bills, and give the neceſſary Diſpatch to the Country's Buſineſs; and further deſired them to put the Houſe in Mind of ſome Services of the Publick to be provided for, and particularly that of *Indian* Treaties.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bills for regulating Party-Walls, *&c.* without any Amendment; for directing the Puniſhment of Larceny, with a Propoſal of Amendment, which was read; alſo the Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation; with the Governor's Anſwer in Writing thereto, propoſing that the ſame be referred to further Conſideration; which Anſwer was read, and conſidered.

Ordered, That *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Richard Hill*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for the Affirmation, and deſire to know whether he will pleaſe that the ſaid Bill be left with him for further Conſideration, or that it lie in this Houſe; and that they acquaint the Governor with the Reaſons of the Houſe againſt his propoſed Amendment to the Bill againſt Petty Larceny.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the well tanning and currying of Leather*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor report, they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer: As to the Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation, that he thanked the Houſe for their Civility in returning it to lodge with him for further Conſideration; and gave them Aſſurance, that he will further inform himſelf, the beſt he can, what Indulgences are already granted in other Places, or are likely to be obtained in *Great-Britain* in the like Caſe; and that he would do any Thing in his Power that may contribute to the Eaſe and Satisfaction of the Country: As to the Amendment propoſed to the Bill againſt Petty Larceny, the Governor was pleaſed to expreſs his Indifference about it, and left it wholly to the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 24. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration what Monies will be neceſſary for defraying the Charge of *Indian* Treaties; and the Reſolve of the Aſſembly of *May* the 19th, 1719, being read,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of ſuch Orders of the Governor and Council, as ſhall be directed to him for the Diſcharge of *Indian* Treaties, ſo as the ſame exceed not *Fifty Pounds.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* be paid out of the Publick Treaſury to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Province, as his Salary for the Year, and that an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, for the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid to *Andrew Hamilton*, Eſq; Attorney-General, as his Salary for the Year, and that an Order be iſſued accordingly.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills to be examined. 1720-21. 12th Mo. 24.

Charles Brockden's Account, amounting to *Fourteen Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *Sevenpence*; and alſo *Ralph Aſheton*'s Account, amounting to *Nineteen Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, were laid before the Houſe for Allowance.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts examine ſuch Accounts as are laid before this Houſe for Allowance, and make their Report at the next Meeting.

Reſolved, That Orders be iſſued forthwith, under the Speaker's Hand, for the Sums already voted to the Governor, Chief Juſtice, and Attorney General; which were iſſued accordingly, and are as follows.

One Thouſand Pounds to the Governor,	£	1000	0 0
One Hundred and *Fifty Pounds* to the Chief Juſtice,		150	0 0
Sixty Pounds to the Attorney-General,		60	0 0

Alſo an Order was iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of *Twelve Pounds* to *Sarah James*.

The Bill againſt killing Deer out of Seaſon, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill to prevent Perſons, not qualified accordingly, to range the Woods with Guns, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill prohibiting Perſons, not being Freeholders, to keep great Numbers of Horſes and Cattle, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for the Breed and Increaſe of good Horſes, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

A Bill, according to Leave of this Houſe, was brought in, intituled, *An Act to ſuppreſs the Numbers and Diſorders of Dram-ſhops and Houſes, and other Retailers of ſtrong Liquors within this Province*, and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Robert Jones and *Iſaac Taylor* report, they had attended the Governor, and examined the Bills, according to Order.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have iſſued Orders on the Treaſurer for *One Thouſand Pounds*, payable to himſelf, and *Fifty Pounds* for defraying the Charge of *Indian* Treaties, *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* to the Chief Juſtice, and *Sixty Pounds* to the Attorney-General; and that they acquaint him, this Houſe incline to adjourn to the firſt Day of the *Third Month* next, and deſire to know when he will pleaſe to be attended by the Houſe, in order to the Paſſing the ingroſſed Bills into Laws; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Richard Hill reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, had waited on the Governor, according to Order, and delivered their Meſſage, to which he was pleaſed to anſwer; That he thanked the Houſe for the Care they had taken of the Matters he recommended to them, and that he thought the propoſed Time of Adjournment would not ſuit with him to attend that Service, by reaſon of his intended Journey to *Virginia*, and the Meeting of the Aſſembly at *New-Caſtle*, and therefore deſired the Houſe would think of another Day; and that he would be ready to receive the Houſe, in order to paſs the Bills, at Four a Clock this Afternoon.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that this Houſe do adjourn to the fourteenth Day of *Auguſt* next, unleſs the Governor have any Objection to that Time? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Henry Nelſon*, wait upon the Governor, to know if he will now pleaſe to be attended by the Houſe; who returned and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor is ready to receive them; and accordingly the Speaker, with the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had attended the Governor, and that he had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to ſeveral Bills, and to paſs them into Laws, the Titles whereof are as follows, *viz.*

An Act for continuing ſeveral Acts therein mentioned, laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, Spirits, Cyder, Hops, Flax, Negroes *and Veſſels, until the* 14*th Day of* May, *in the Year* 1722.

An Act for erecting and maintaining of Pounds.

An Act for regulating Party-walls, Buildings, and Partition-fences, in the City of Philadelphia. And,

An Act for the Trial and Puniſhment of Larceny under Five Shillings.

And alſo that the Governor had made a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy; and the ſame was read, and is as follows.

Mr.

1720-21. 12*th Mo.* 24. Governor's Speech.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I HEARTILY thank you for the Diſpatch you have given to Buſineſs this Seſſion, and in particular for the ſeveral Marks of Confidence and Affection between me and the good People of this Province, which you have ſeaſonably demonſtrated at this Juncture.

'I have, for ſome Time, propoſed to take a Journey to *Virginia*, in order to ſecure our *Indians* from being attacked by the *Southern* Natives, of which they are very apprehenſive: I intend, God willing, to ſet out from this the latter End of the next Month, and to return about the Beginning of *May*.

'Gentlemen, as it is a conſiderable Part of my Duty and Care to be watchful of your Intereſts every where, ſo I muſt earneſtly recommend it to you to lay aſide all Prejudices, and think wiſely upon making, from time to time, ſuitable Proviſion for the Exigencies of the Government; for if but one Wheel of the Clock be neglected, the whole Motion will ſtop, or at leaſt prove very irregular.

'Such Matters of Importance, therefore, as now lie before you unfiniſhed, and eſpecially the Bill for encouraging the Growth of Hemp in this Colony, and the Eſtabliſhment of an Agency at home, will, I hope, be perfected at your next Meeting.'

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 25.

Ordered, That *Rees Thomas*, and *John Maris*, accompany ſuch of the Council as the Governor ſhall appoint, to the Rolls Office, to ſee the Great-Seal affixed to the Laws now paſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſuppreſs the Numbers and Diſorders of Dram-ſhops, Tippling-houſes, and other Retailers of ſtrong Liquors within this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *Jonathan Dickinſon*, *Clement Plumſted*, *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, and Concurrence of any other Members that can or do attend, be a Committee on the Bills which ſtand committed, and are as follows.

An Act to regulate the well tanning and currying of Leather, *&c.*

An Act for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*.

An Act directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary, or the preſent Truſtees of this Province, or by his or their Agents or Commiſſioners.

An Act for the Encouragement of making right good fine Flour, to be joined to that of regulating Weights and Meaſures.

An Act for the Breed and Increaſe of good Horſes.

An Act to prevent killing of Deer out of Seaſon, to be joined to that of carrying Guns.

An Act againſt Vagrants, to be ſhortened, and adapted to this Province.

An Act to encourage the raiſing Hemp, and the Trade of this Province.

An Act to ſuppreſs the Numbers and Diſorders of Dram-ſhops, Tippling-houſes, and other Retailers of ſtrong Liquors within this Province.

An Act againſt Blaſphemy and Prophaneneſs, to be examined and compared with the Statutes, and diſtinguiſh the Crimes, by proportionating the Penalty to the Offence; and to bring in a Bill to declare what ſhall be conſtrued, and is intended by the Words Reſident and Inhabitant, as they relate to the Laws of this Province impoſing Duties of any kind, that the ſame may be clear and well underſtood.

Ordered, That their firſt Meeting on that Affair be on the ſecond Day of *March* next, and after by their Appointment as often as they find Occaſion, and that the Clerk attend them.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, reviſe and examine the Minutes of this Aſſembly; and that a fair Copy thereof be made out for the Governor, and another for the Coffee-houſe.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, agree with the Printer about printing the Laws now paſſed; and that the Clerk make out a Copy thereof for the Printer.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, to the Treaſurer, for the Payment of *Fifty Shillings* to *Sarah Dilworth*, for the Uſe of the Room the Aſſembly uſed this Seſſion; which Order was iſſued accordingly.

Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Robert Jones*, put the Treaſurer and Collector in Mind of getting their Accounts ready, and duly brought up, againſt the next Meeting of Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned to the fourteenth Day of *Auguſt* next.

1721. 6*th Mo.* 14.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Rees Thomas*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any

any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1721.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 14. Adjournment.

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and return, that the Governor expected the Houſe to wait on him about Eleven a Clock, for that he had ſomething to communicate to them. *6th Mo.* 15.

Richard Hill reported, that, according to Order of the Twenty-fifth of *February* laſt, he, with the Speaker, had agreed with the Printer about printing the Laws; that the ſame were printed accordingly, and a Number of them diſperſed as uſual; alſo, that he, with *Robert Jones*, had, according to Order of the Twenty-fifth of *February* laſt, ſpoke to the Treaſurer and Collector; who promiſed to get their Accounts, and lay them before the Houſe at this Seſſion.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, and *Robert Jones*, acquaint the Treaſurer and Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* to attend the Houſe with their Accounts this Afternoon.

The Committee appointed the Twenty-fifth of *February* laſt, to amend, prepare, and bring in the ſeveral Bills then committed, and ordered to be brought in, report, that they met the ſecond Day of *March*, and at ſeveral other Times, on the Buſineſs they had in Charge, and had ſeveral Bills now ready to lay before them when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſame be received forthwith; and accordingly *Richard Hill* laid before the Houſe ſeveral Bills, the Titles whereof are as follows *.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Seſſion be read; which was done.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Speaker and the Houſe forthwith: And accordingly the Speaker and the Houſe went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, That they had attended the Governor; who had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly.

Governor's Speech.

'FROM what has been lately publiſhed, you cannot but be ſufficiently informed of my Proceedings in the Service of this Colony, which will become more or leſs uſeful, as you think fit to encourage and ſupport me, in the overcoming the Expence and other Difficulties that neceſſarily attend ſuch Affairs.

'In particular, I muſt deſire that you will revive or renew the Law *for regulating the* Indian *Trade*, and oblige the Traders to give Security, and to take out proper Licences every Year, that I may be thereby enabled to give the *Indians* that Content and Satisfaction which you ſee they expect from us.

'I muſt alſo recommend to you the preſent State of your Country, with reſpect to the low Value of its Product; and that you will now proceed to perfect the ſeveral Bills, and other Matters, which I obſerve upon your Minutes were referred to this Meeting of the Aſſembly.

'Gentlemen, It is a certain Truth, that the Honour and Reputation of this Colony will ever depend upon that Opinion which Mankind naturally form to themſelves, from a mild but prudent and ſteady Adminiſtration in Government; and when the Whole is animated with Unanimity, and a true publick Spirit, no Doubt but the beſt Uſe will then be made of every Opportunity to ſerve and promote the Publick Weal.'

Auguſt 15, 1721.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act declaring who ſhall be eſteemed Inhabitants of this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Andrew Bradford, Printer, delivered in his Account, and the ſame was laid before the Committee of Accounts.

The Treaſurer and Collector attended, and the Treaſurer laid before the Houſe his Account, which was delivered to the Committee of Accounts; and they were ordered to attend the ſaid Committee, in order to a Settlement.

The Bill for ſuppreſſing the Numbers and Diſorders of Dram-ſhops, Tippling-houſes, and other Retailers of ſtrong Liquors, within this Province, being altered, and the Title made, *A ſupplementary Act to a Law of this Province*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn, within this Province, be kept without Licence*, was now read, with the Alterations; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

* The Titles of theſe Bills are omitted in the Records of Aſſembly.

1721.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts go upon the Examining the Treaſurer and Collector's Accounts To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 15. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

6th Mo. 16.

According to Leave of this Houſe a Bill was brought in, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the* Free Society of Trade, *in* Pennſylvania, *in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of ſuch Sums of Money as were paid in to the Publick Stock of the ſaid Society for purchaſing the ſaid Lands and Lots, and the carrying on the Trade deſigned by the ſaid Society*, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Joſeph Kirkbride laid before the Houſe a Certificate from the Juſtices of *Bucks* County in their Quarter-Seſſions, relating to the Ferry deſired by the Inhabitants of *Soleberry*, in the ſaid County, to be ſettled over *Delaware*, near *Thomas Canby*'s Mill, to *New-Jerſey*.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for erecting the ſaid Ferry.

The Bill for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire in the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the ſecond Time, debated, and committed to *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for encouraging the Making of right good fine Flour, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon*; and the Bill againſt carrying of Guns by Perſons not qualified; having both been twice read at the laſt Seſſion, and committed to be put into one Bill, the ſaid Bill was now read; but being late in the Evening, the Houſe had not Time to go through the Bill, but deferred the further Debate thereof till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 17.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration and Debate of the Bill to prevent killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns by Perſons not qualified; and ſeveral Amendments being agreed to be made thereto, the ſame was re-committed for Amendment accordingly.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging the Raiſing Hemp, and the Trade of this Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe taking into Conſideration the Governor's Speech of the Fifteenth Inſtant,

Reſolved, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to return him the hearty Thanks of this Houſe for the Diligence and Care he ſo kindly continues for the Service and publick Weal of this Colony, which they ſhall at all Times endeavour to encourage and ſupport; that the Houſe, conſidering the Seaſon, cannot find themſelves inclined or eaſy to ſit long, nor do they conceive all the Buſineſs which may ſeem to lie before this Houſe is of ſuch Importance or Neceſſity as to require an immediate Iſſue thereof; yet ſuch as they find can be compaſſed in a ſhort Time, they will endeavour to compleat, and ſhall very ſpeedily lay before him; and they hope the Governor will not take amiſs their Endeavours to make this a ſhort Seſſion, ſince the Time, of Courſe, for another Election is ſo near at Hand.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Meſſage; and that they carry to him the ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to a Law of this Province*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence*, for his Approbation; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 18.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Joſeph Kirkbride laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for erecting and ſettling a Ferry over* Delaware *River, from* Thomas Canby's *Mill, in the County of* Bucks, *to the Weſtern Diviſion of* New-Jerſey, and the ſame was received, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned to the Houſe the Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to a Law of this Province*, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn, within this Province, be kept without Licence*, without any Propoſals of Amendment.

William Fiſhbourn reported, that he, with the other Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor, had attended on him accordingly, and delivered to him the Bill and their Meſſage; and that the Governor anſwered, he was pleaſed that his Endeavours, for the Service of this Province, are ſatisfactory to the Aſſembly; and that he was loth to ſtraiten the Mind of the Houſe in Relation to a ſhort Sitting, but deſired they will diſpatch the Buſineſs now before them, eſpecially ſuch Bills which have already been two Years in the Houſe.

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The Bill for preventing Accidents by Fire, *&c.* was read the third Time, with the Amendments; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1721. 6th Mo. 18.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

The Bill to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying Guns by Perſons not qualified, with the Amendments, was read the third Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed.

Clement Plumſted, from the Committee of Accounts, reports, that they had made an Adjuſtment with the Treaſurer and Collector, which he produced in Writing, read the ſame in his Place, and which approved by the Houſe, is as follows.

THE Committee appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, reports, that they have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, Duty on *Negroes*, Tonage and Exciſe, and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province, on the ſeveral Acts for Support of Government are as follows.

Impoſt on Rum, Wine, and Duty on *Negroes*, until the twelfth of *April* laſt, — — — —	£	154	16 2
Tonage unto the 26th of *June* laſt, — —		50	14 1
Exciſe, for the County of *Philadelphia*, from the 14th of *November*, 1720, to the 14th of *May*, 1721, — — —		308	10 4
Ditto for the County of *Cheſter*, for the ſame Time, —		38	17 2
Ditto for the County of *Bucks*, for an uncertain Time, the Deputy Collector's Accounts not being intelligible or compleat, —		139	2 7½
Total received or due on Duties on Tonage and Exciſe, to the ſeveral Times aforeſaid, — — — —	£	692	0 4½
Balance laſt Account ſettled with the Committee the tenth of the *Twelfth Month*, 1720, due from the Collector, — —		741	10 6½
In all,	£	1433	10 11

Of which Sum he hath paid, at two Payments, into the Treaſury *Seven Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Three-farthings*, which, with *Thirteen Pounds*, *Fifteen Shillings*, allowed in his Accounts for Duties, included in former Accounts, and not received, makes the Balance due from him to the Province, *Seven Hundred* and *Four Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, and a *Farthing*.

The Committee have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer, *Samuel Preſton*'s Account; the total Debt of the Province on all Orders iſſued to the Aſſemblies laſt Adjournment, is *One Thouſand Eight Hundred* and *Seventy-one Pounds*, *Twelve Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, which, with *Sixty-three Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, Commiſſion, at Five *per Cent.* makes the Total Debt of the Treaſurer's Account *One Thouſand Nine Hundred* and *Thirty-five Pounds*, *Six Shillings*, and *Ten-pence Half-penny*; towards Payment of which Sum, he hath received from the Collector as aforeſaid the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Fifteen Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*. Balance due from the Province, in full of Orders iſſued to the Time of laſt Adjournment, *One Thouſand Two Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*, *One Shilling* and *Two-pence*; for Payment of which Sum of *One Thouſand Two Hundred* and *Twenty Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Two Pence*, we beg Leave to obſerve, that there remains, Balance due from the Collector, when the Money is all received, *Seven Hundred* and *Four Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*.

The Entries of Rum, Wine and *Negroes*, ſince the Twelfth of *April* laſt, are yet to be accounted for; alſo the Tonage from the Twenty-ſixth of *June*; and the Exciſe for the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter* ſince the fourteenth of *May* laſt; and for the County of *Bucks* for an uncertain Time; which ſeveral Sums, when received, will, we preſume, be ſufficient to anſwer the preſent Debt of the Province. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe.

WILLIAM FISHBOURN, CLEMENT PLUMSTED,
ISAAC TAYLOR, JEREMIAH LANGHORNE.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of *Jane Auſtin*, in Behalf of herſelf, Children, and others, ſetting forth the Damage ſhe and they have ſuſtained by pulling down the Arch in the *Front-Street*; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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1721. 6th Mo. 18. A Petition of *Peter Worrall*, Serjeant at Arms, ſhewing that he had ſerved the Houſe in that Capacity ſince the Year 1716, and had received but one Year's Stipend; alſo that he had received nothing for his Services as a Meſſenger for the Members; was read.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *David Lewis*, ſearch the Mintues and make Report what Orders have been formerly iſſued in Favour of the ſaid *Worrall*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for directing the Survey and Confirmation of Lands ſold by the Proprietary, or the preſent Truſtees of this Province, and by his or their Agents or Commiſſioners*; was read the third Time, and debated; and agreed that a Clauſe be added to ſecure the Money ariſing by Sale of the Lands for the Diſcharge of the Mortgage, and the Overplus, if any, to the Heirs of the Proprietary, in ſuch Manner as the ſame will fall if the Act had not been.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langborne*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Clement Plumſted*, and *Ralph Pile*, confer with *James Logan* on the ſaid Bill, and that they inſpect the Writings recited therein; alſo that they carry the Bill againſt killing of Deer out of Seaſon; and the Bill for preventing Accidents by Fire, to the Governor for his Approbation; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 19. The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Fiſhbourn reports, that he, with the other Members appointed, had delivered the Bills to the Governor, according to Order; that they had conferred with *James Logan* on the Bill for Confirmation of Lands, *&c.* and they brought in a propoſed Proviſo as an Amendment to the ſaid Bill; alſo, that they had ſeen the Inſtruments and Writings, recited in the Bill, and find the Names, Dates, and Purport of them, to agree with the ſaid Recitals.

The Governor returned to the Houſe the Bill for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire, with ſome Amendments; and the ſaid Bill, and Amendments, were read, and conſidered; alſo the Bill againſt killing Deer out of Seaſon, *&c.* with ſome Propoſals of Amendment, which were read.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe having drawn up ſeveral Propoſals, in Anſwer to his ſaid Amendments, have ſent the ſame to him for his Peruſal; and that the Houſe deſires the Governor would be pleaſed to adviſe with his Council on ſuch Bills as ſhall be ſent to him by this Houſe. The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered the ſaid Propoſals, and their Meſſage, to the Governor; who anſwered, that he would lay the Bills before his Council, and doubted not but to give the Houſe a ſatisfactory Anſwer to them when they met again.

The Amendments propoſed to the Bill for Confirmation of Lands, *&c.* were read; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 21. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Speaker deſired the Members of the Counties of *Cheſter* and *Bucks* to acquaint the abſent Members of thoſe Counties to attend at the Adjournment, or that the Serjeant at Arms will be forthwith ſent for them; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 22. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bill for preventing Accidents by Fire, and the Bill to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon, with ſome other Propoſals of Amendment to both; alſo a written Meſſage, which were read; and the ſaid Amendments being conſidered, and debated, the ſame, with ſome Alterations, were agreed to by the Houſe.

John Moore, by *William Trent*, a Member of this Houſe, deſired that a Bill, brought in by Leave of a former Aſſembly, intituled, *An Act for the enabling* John Moore, *of* Philadelphia, *Gentleman (ſurviving Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of* Sarah Quarry, *Widow, deceaſed) to ſell a certain Meſſuage and Tenement, in the* Front-Street, *commonly called the* George-Inn, may be read; and the ſame was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for veſting the Society Lands, in Truſtees for Sale, and Diviſion among the Proprietaries thereof, was read the ſecond Time, and debated; and the further Debate thereof was deferred till the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor with the Propoſal of further Amendment to the Bills, for preventing Accidents by Fire, and againſt killing Deer out of Seaſon, *&c.* and to deſire his Aſſent thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Fiſhbourn reported, that he with the other Member appointed, waited on the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to agree to the Propoſals of Amendment to the Bills, for preventing Accidents by Fire; and againſt killing of Deer out of Seaſon.

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The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration and Debate of the Bill for veſting the Society Lands, in Truſtees, *&c.* and the ſame was committed to *Richard Hill*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Robert Jones*, who are directed to meet To-morrow, at three a Clock in the Afternoon, at the Coffee-houſe. 1721. *6th Mo.* 22.

Ordered, That Notice be given to the Perſons concerned to attend them.

The Petition of *Joſeph Antrobus*, relating to his Claim in the Society Lands, was alſo read.

Ordered, That the Clerk give him Notice to attend the Committee.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act declaring who ſhall be eſteemed Inhabitants of this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide for further Conſideration; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 23.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the enabling* John Moore, *of* Philadelphia, *Gentleman (ſurviving Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of* Sarah Quarry, *Widow, deceaſed) to ſell a certain Meſſuage or Tenement, in the* Front-ſtreet, *commonly called the* George-Inn; was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Richard Hill*, *Jermiah Langhorne*, and *Robert Jones*.

Ordered, That *John Moore* have Notice to attend them.

The Bill for erecting and ſettling a Ferry over *Delaware* River, near *Thomas Canby*'s Mill to *New-Jerſey*, was read the ſecond Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſame be now conſidered and debated? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Petition of *Peter Worrall*, Serjeant at Arms, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That he attend the Houſe this Afternoon with his Commiſſion.

The Petition of *Jane Auſtin*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Mayor and Commonalty of the City, and the Laws, for her Redreſs.

The Petition of ſundry Curriers, in Behalf of themſelves and others, complaining againſt the irregular Practices of the Tanners, and praying that the Tanners may be confined to the Cuſtoms and Practices of *Great-Britain*; was laid before the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be read again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

David Lewis reported, that he, with *Robert Jones*, had ſearched the Minutes for what Orders have iſſued in Favour of the Serjeant at Arms for his Service, and find two Orders iſſued for *Five Pounds* each.

And the ſaid Serjeant at Arms attended, and produced two Commiſſions for the ſaid Office; one from Governor *Gookin*, dated the 18th of *October*, 1716, and the other from the preſent Governor, the 9th of *January*, 1717, which were read; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid *Peter Worrall*, as Serjeant at Arms, ſhall be paid *Five Pounds per Annum*, for the Time of his Service in that Station to the Month of *October* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms attend the Aſſembly annually at their firſt Meeting.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the well tanning and currying of Leather*, &c. was read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 24.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded to the Debate and Conſideration of the Bill for regulating the well tanning and currying of Leather, *&c.* and the Repreſentation of the Tanners, and the Reply of the Shoe-makers, were read; and, after ſeveral Amendments agreed to be made to the Bill, the ſame was committed to *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Richard Hill, from the Committee on the Bill for veſting the Society Lands, in Truſtees for Sale, *&c.* reported, That they had met the Perſons concerned, conſidered the Bill, and agreed to ſundry Amendments, which they reported to this Houſe; the Committee alſo brought in ſundry Books and Papers belonging to the Free Society, which were delivered to the Speaker; and the ſeveral propoſed Amendments being read, and conſidered, were agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered that the Bill be re-committed to the ſame Members to add the Amendments; and that the Books and Papers lie on the Table to be peruſed and conſidered by the Houſe; alſo, that the Committee had gone on the Bill for enabling *John Moore*, &c. to ſell the *George-Inn*; and that the ſaid *John Moore*, and ſome other Perſons concerned, had attended them.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report for enabling *John Moore*, &c. be read again To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 25.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed to amend the Bill for regulating the well tanning and currying of Leather, *&c.* report, they had amended the ſame accordingly; and the ſaid Amend-

1721. ments were read and conſidered; and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe do agree to the ſaid Amendments? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

6th Mo. 25. *Ordered*, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait on the Governor, with the ſaid Bill for his Approbation.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Report of the Committee on the Bill for enabling *John Moore*, of *Philadelphia*, Gentleman, ſurviving Executor of the laſt Will and Teſtament of *Sarah Quarry*, Widow, deceaſed, to ſell a certain Meſſuage and Tenement, in the *Front-ſtreet*, commonly called the *George-Inn*; and, after the ſame Report was fully debated;

Reſolved, That the Parties concerned, not agreeing about the Neceſſity of the Bill, the Settlement of that Affair does not properly lie before this Houſe.

The Committee for amending the Bill for veſting the Society Lands, in Truſtees for Sale, *&c.* delivered the ſame to the Speaker, with the Amendments; and a Clauſe was added to diſcharge the Treaſurer's Security upon the full Settlement of his Accounts, and finiſhing the Truſt repoſed in him; and then the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Clement Plumſted*, wait on the Governor with the

Adjournment. ſaid Bill for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed to examine the Publick Accounts, now lying before them, report, that they have corrected ſome Over-charges and Errors in the ſeveral Accounts delivered them, and that there remains due from the Province to ſundry Perſons as follows, *viz.*

George Barclay,	—	—	—	£	15	12	6
Ralph Aſheton,	—	—			14	7	0
Charles Brockden,	—	—	—		14	7	7
Andrew Bradford,	—	—	—		15	0	0

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue Orders on the Treaſurer for Payment thereof; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer, payable to *Peter Worrall*, for *Fifteen Pounds*, being for his laſt three Years Salary as Serjeant at Arms, ending in *October* next; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Richard Hill*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Daniel Williamſon*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know if he has conſidered the Bills ſent him this Day; and alſo what Concluſion he has come to on the Bill for the Affirmation, left under his Conſideration at the laſt Adjournment. The ſaid Members returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor had delivered to them his Anſwer in Writing relating to the two Bills this Day ſent him, which they delivered to the Speaker, and the ſame was read. As to the Bill about the Affirmation, the Governor informed them, that ſome of the Perſons in this Government, whom it moſt affected, had applied to him, and were eaſy to ſtay till he could be ſatisfied therein by ſome Precedent of the

Adjournment. like Kind, which they undertook to furniſh him with; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 26. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Rees Thomas*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe deſire to know if there is any Probability of paſſing the Bill about tanned Leather To-day.

Several Perſons concerned in the Society's Stock, *viz.* *Francis Rawles*, *Joſeph Shippen*, *Job Goodſon*, *Joſeph Coleman*, *Charles Read*, *John Durborow*, and *Stephen Jackſon*, attended the Houſe, and deſired that the Papers and Books belonging to the ſaid Society, which were delivered to the Committee, may be returned to them; and the ſaid Books and Papers, by their Conſent, was agreed to be lodged in the Hands of *Charles Read*, Clerk of the Orphans Court; and the ſame were delivered to him accordingly.

Joſeph Kirkbride and *Rees Thomas* report, they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage, and that the Governor deſires the Houſe to appoint ſome Members of Aſſembly as a Committee to meet ſome Members of Council on the ſaid Bill.

The Governor, by a Letter to the Speaker, acquainted the Houſe, that he was willing and deſirous the Bill about tanned Leather ſhould paſs this Seſſion; and propoſed that the Houſe would appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the ſaid Bill.

Ordered, That *Clement Plumſted*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, be a Committee to attend the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, examine the Journal, and take an Account of the Members Service.

Nicholas,

1721. 6th Mo. 26.

Nicholas Roſogan, Door-keeper, brought in his Accouut, amounting to *Four Pounds, Eight Shillings*, which was allowed.

Jeremiah Langhorne, and *Clement Plumſted*, brought to the Houſe the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the well tanning and currying of Leather, and regulating of Cordwainers, and other Artificers uſing and occupying Leather within this Province*, and report, that they, with ſome Members of Council, had examined and amended the ſame to the Mind of the Governor; which Amendments being read and conſidered, were agreed to by the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment, *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Ralph Pile*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know when and where he is pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe, in order to paſs thoſe Bills he has approved of into Laws.

Ordered, That the Laws to be paſſed this Seſſion be printed, and that the Speaker, and *Richard Hill*, do agree with the Printer, and get them done expeditiouſly; in order thereto the Clerk is to prepare a correct Copy for the Preſs.

The Speaker, and *Clement Plumſted*, are deſired to reviſe the Minutes, and that a fair Copy be made out by the Clerk, which they are to preſent to the Governor.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer to pay *Jonathan Dickinſon Nine Shillings*, which he paid, by Order of Aſſembly, for Forms.

The Committee appointed by this Houſe, the 25th of *February* laſt, to prepare and get drawn the ſeveral Bills committed to them, laid before the Houſe the Charge thereof, and their Attendance on that Service five Days; whereupon it is reſolved, that the Speaker do iſſue an Order on the Treaſurer for *Ten Pounds*, for the immediate Service, payable to *Richard Hill*,

For the Uſe of *Andrew Hamilton*, — —	£	4	0 0
Iſaac Norris, William Fiſhbourn, Richard Hill, Clement Plumſted, Jonathan Dickinſon, and *Samuel Carpenter*, each *Twenty Shillings*, —		6	0 0
In all	£	10	0 0

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor returned, and report, that he will be ready to receive the Houſe, in order to paſs the Bills, in Half an Hour.

The Houſe went to wait upon the Governor, and being returned, the Speaker reported, that they had attended the Governor, and that the Governor had been pleaſed to paſs four ingroſſed Bills into Laws, the Titles whereof are as follows, *viz.*

A ſupplementary Act to a Law of this Province, intituled, *An Act that no Publick-houſe or Inn within this Province be kept without Licence.*

An Act for preventing Accidents that may happen by Fire.

An Act to prevent the Killing of Deer out of Seaſon, and againſt carrying of Guns or hunting by Perſons not qualified. And

An Act for the well tanning and currying of Leather, and regulating of Cordwainers, and other Artificers uſing and occupying Leather within this Province; and that *William Fiſhbourn*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, were deſired to go, with ſuch Members of Council as the Governor ſhould appoint, to the Rolls-Office, to ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Laws.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for their Service, which was done accordingly.

Maurice Liſle, Clerk of this Aſſembly, brought in his Account, amounting to *Twenty-five Pounds, Eleven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*; which was allowed, and an Order iſſued on the Treaſurer; as alſo an Order on the Treaſurer to *Nicholas Roſogan*, Door-keeper, for *Four Pounds, Eight Shillings.*

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to keep the Cheſt till demanded by the Speaker of the next Aſſembly; and that he ſign the fair Journal of this Aſſembly.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

ISAAC NORRIS, Speaker.

At

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1721.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.	Cheſter *County*.	Bucks *County*.
Robert Jones,	*Samuel Levis*, jun.	*Jeremiah Langhorne*,
Samuel Carpenter, ſen.	*William Pile*,	*William Biles*,
Francis Rawles,	*Daniel Williamſon*,	*John Sotcher*,
Morris Morris,	*Iſaac Taylor*,	*Joſeph Fell*,
Benjamin Duffield,	*David Lewis*,	*Abel Janney*,
John Swift,	*Henry Oburn*,	*Joſeph Kirkbride*, jun.
William Tidmarſh,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,	*Bartholomew Jacobs*,
Benjamin Vining.	*Iſrael Taylor*.	*Thomas Canby*.

City of Philadelphia.
Joſhua Carpenter, *Anthony Morris*, jun.

1721. 8*th Mo.* 14. A QUORUM of the Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges direct, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker; and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, Eſq; was elected, *Nemine Contradicente*, Speaker of this Aſſembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, *William Biles*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when the Governor will pleaſe to be attended, in order to preſent him: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they waited on the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to appoint the Houſe to attend him the Sixteenth Inſtant, at Eleven in the Forenoon, with their Speaker; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Sixteenth Inſtant, at Ten a Clock in Morning.

Adjournment. 8*th Mo.* 16. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know if he is ready for the Houſe to attend him with their Speaker: Who returned, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, He would get his Council together, and let the Houſe know when they ſhall attend him.

The Governor, by his Secretary, acquainted the Houſe, that he is now in Council, and ready to receive them: And accordingly the Houſe went to wait upon the Governor to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reported, That they had waited on the Governor; who was pleaſed to approve the Speaker; and that he had, in the Name of this Aſſembly, deſired free Acceſs to the Governor's Perſon, as Occaſion requires, and a favourable Conſtruction of their Words and Actions; and alſo, that the Governor had made a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy.

Ordered, That the ſame be read when the Members are qualified.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That Qualifications be prepared by the Clerk, to be ſubſcribed by the Members of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Qualifications being prepared, were read at the Table, and ſubſcribed; firſt by the Speaker in his Chair, and afterwards by the Members in Courſe, *viz.* *Jeremiah Langhorne*, Eſq; Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Samuel Carpenter*, ſen. *Francis Rawles*, *Morris Morris*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *John Swift*, *William Tidmarſh*, *Benjamin Vining*, *Joſhua Carpenter*, *Anthony Morris*, jun. *Samuel Levis*, *William Pile*, *Daniel Williamſon*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *David Lewis*, *Henry Oburn*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Iſrael Taylor*, *William Biles*, *John Sotcher*, *Joſeph Fell*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, jun. *Bartholomew Jacobs*, and *Thomas Canby*.

The Governor's Speech was, according to Order, read, and is as follows.

Mr.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I HAVE had ſuch good Succeſs with former Aſſemblies, and meet with ſuch hearty Welcome and kind Entertainment wherever I happen to go in the Country, that I think I may ſurely depend on the Love and Affections of the People whom you repreſent, and conſequently on your Eſteem. 1721. 8th Mo. 16. Governor's Speech.

'I cannot therefore but underſtand the Change, which I perceive the Country has made this Year of their former Repreſentatives, to proceed chiefly from the juſt Opinion they hav conceived of my hearty Inclinations, to grant them any Thing in my Power which can contribute to their further Eaſe and Happineſs; wherein, I do aſſure you, they ſhall not be diſappointed: But I hope thoſe will (if there be any ſuch) who vainly imagine, or expect, that this Change was intended to ſtraiten the Governor with unreaſonable Demands and a narrow Support.

'It is obvious to every honeſt well-meaning Man, that the Duties and Obligations between any People and their Governor are reciprocal, and wholly conſiſt in doing ſuch Offices to one another as proceed from natural Goodneſs or Humanity; which, tho' it comprehends all the Moral Law, yet is eaſily to be applied and practiſed, in any Caſe, by every Man that does not oppoſe and ſtruggle with the Dictates of his own Conſcience. This is that Simplicity, or Rectitude of Mind, which is ſo frequently oppoſed in Scripture to the Wiſdom of this World: And as it is the poor Man's greateſt Ornament, ſo, we may obſerve, it generally attends thoſe who have no other Ambition but quietly to poſſeſs and enjoy the Fruit of honeſt Induſtry and Labour.

'Gentlemen, I cannot doubt but my daily Endeavours to ſecure to you a quiet and orderly Adminiſtration of Juſtice at Home, as well as to promote the Credit and Reputation of this Colony Abroad, muſt be very acceptable to the People in general. And if it be ſo, I hope you will have ſome Regard to the extraordinary Charge and Expence, of my laſt Year's Services, for which I am left to depend entirely on your Juſtice and Gratitude.

'Moſt certainly the Governor's true Intereſt, and the Honour and Reputation of an Aſſembly, will always be found inſeparable; and it is to be hoped, that your unanimous Reſolutions, at the Opening of this Seſſion, will demonſtrate them to be ſo; becauſe this will render you at once eaſy amongſt yourſelves, and effectually ſtop the Mouths of Gainſayers.

'I ſhall conclude, with aſſuring you of my Readineſs, not only to concur but to aſſiſt you in every Thing that can be propoſed for the Publick Good; and your Houſe may depend on my Authority to ſupport them in all their juſt Rights and Privileges.'

Ordered, That the ſame be read again To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 8th Mo. 17.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Speech was according to Order read again, and conſidered.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *Francis Rawle*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, draw up an Addreſs in Anſwer thereto.

The Petition of a conſiderable Number of *Palatines*, ſetting forth, the Reaſons for their Removing themſelves and Families into this Province, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization, and to be exempt from ſwearing and bearing Arms, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table, to be peruſed by the Members of the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Rules practiſed by the laſt Aſſembly be read; which was done accordingly.

The Petition of *John Wells*, of *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, with a great many Inhabitants of *Bucks* and *New-Jerſey* ſubſcribed thereto, ſhewing, that his Lands lieth convenient on *Delaware* River for a Ferry to be ſettled from his Landing to *New-Jerſey*, and praying a Ferry may be there ſettled accordingly; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſame do lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, ſetting forth, the Conveniency of a Ferry from *Thomas Canby*'s Mill, in *Soleberry* aforeſaid, to *New-Jerſey*; and recommending *Thomas Canby* and *Anthony Morris* as the fitteſt Perſons to keep the ſaid Ferry, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for the Settlement thereof accordingly; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to draw the Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which was read; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe, and is as follows, *viz.*

1721. 8th Mo. 17. The ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives in Aſſembly, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the Sixteenth Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THE good Succeſs that the Governor has had with former Aſſemblies, we believe is owing to his prudent Conduct, and encouraging the due and ſteady Adminiſtration of Juſtice; together with his ready Concurrence with the Aſſemblies from time to time; and we hope that the ſame good Underſtanding will be continued between the Governor and the Repreſentatives of the People.

We beg Leave to acquaint the Governor, that this Houſe ſeems inclined to adjourn for ſome Time as uſual; and do propoſe at our next Meeting to fall on ſuch Meaſures as (we hope) will be to the Satisfaction of the Governor by an honourable Support; and alſo to go on with ſuch Buſineſs as will tend to the Publick Weal.

It is very acceptable to us to underſtand the Governor's daily Endeavours has been to ſecure to us a quiet and orderly Adminiſtration of Juſtice, as to promote the Credit and Reputation of this Colony.

We heartily thank the Governor for his free Offers, not only to concur, but aſſiſt us in every Thing that can be propoſed for the Publick Good; as alſo the Aſſurance of his Authority to ſupport this Houſe in their juſt Rights and Privileges.

Ordered, That the ſame be ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *John Sotcher*, *Joſhua Carpenter*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs, and acquaint him, that this Houſe incline to adjourn till the firſt Day of *January* next, if the Governor pleaſe to approve thereof.

Ordered, That the Collector of the Exiſe attend this Houſe; which he did, and being called in, was ordered to get his Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter* acquaint the Treaſurer to get his Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe at the ſame Time.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Benjamin Duffield*, provide a Room for the Aſſembly to ſit in at their next Meeting.

John Swift, and the other Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Addreſs, returned, and report, they delivered the ſame, and their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor gave the Houſe Thanks for their Addreſs, and approved of the Time of Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt Day of *January* next, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

1721-22. 11th Mo. 1. *Poſt Meridiem.* THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to communicate to them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 2, The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin and *John Sotcher* report, that they have waited on the Governor, according to Order, and delivered their Meſſage; who was pleaſed to anſwer, he had ſomething to lay before this Houſe.

Samuel Carpenter reported, that according to Order of the Seventeenth of *October* laſt, he had ſpoke to the Treaſurer, who promiſed to get his Accounts ready according to the Order of the Houſe.

Abel Janney, a Member choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly this preſent Year for the County of *Bucks*, not having hitherto attended, now took and ſubſcribed the Qualifications by Law appointed; and alſo the Atteſt of Abjuration, and took his Place.

Ordered, That Minutes of the laſt Seſſion be read; which was done.

A Motion was made, that the Governor's Speech to this Aſſembly the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, be taken into Conſideration; and, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the Report of the Committee of Accounts, made to the laſt Aſſembly the Sixteenth of *Auguſt* laſt, be firſt read; which was done.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, be a Committee of Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts go upon the Settlement of the Publick Accounts this Afternoon.

Ordered, That a Copy of the Report of the Committee of Accounts in *Auguſt* laſt be delivered to the ſaid Committee.

The Governor, by his Secretary, acquainted the Houſe, that he is now in Council, and deſires the Attendance of the Houſe forthwith: And accordingly the Speaker, with the Houſe,

House, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that they had attended the Governor; who had been pleased to make a Speech to this House, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.* 1721-22. 11th *Mo.* 2.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly.

'YOU have prudently chose the most seasonable Time of all the Year for the Dispatch of publick Business, when it will least interfere with your private Affairs in the Country; and I hope I have been so happy to speak your Sentiments with my own, as often as I have lately had Occasion to assure many of the good People of this Province, that we will, at this Time, give an attentive Ear unto all their Complaints, and most diligently apply ourselves to restore the Planter's Credit, without discouraging the Merchant, by whose Industry alone our Trade must be supported with a sufficient Currency of Cash. Governor's Speech.

'My Mind is so fully bent upon doing this Province some effectual Service, that I have lately formed the Design of a considerable Settlement amongst you, in order to manufacture and consume the Grain, for which there is, at this Time, no profitable Market Abroad. And although this Project will, doubtless, at first, prove very chargeable and expensive to me, yet if it meets with your Approbation, and the Good-will of the People, I am well assured it cannot fail of answering my Purpose, to do a real Service to the Country; and every Interest or Concern of mine shall ever be built on that Bottom.

'Gentlemen, if, in the Prosecution of your Affairs this Session, any Thing should happen, wherein my private Advice or Assistance can be serviceable to you, be assured, I will readily and chearfully meet, as often as there shall be Occasion, with any Committee you think fit to appoint; for, as I am perswaded the Publick Good will be the Rule of our Thoughts, we may reasonably expect the best Issue from united Councils.'

And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *Post Meridiem.*

The Governor's Speech to this House this Morning, was read again, and considered.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Robert Jones*, draw an Answer thereto.

The Application of *William Southby*, in Writing to this House, about *Negroes*, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of a considerable Number of Persons, praying the Management of the Publick Treasury may be inspected into; and that the Act for raising County Levies, may be repealed, *&c.* was presented to the House, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* 11th *Mo.* 3.

The Committee appointed to draw the Address, in Answer to the Governor's Speech, brought the same to the House, which was read, and, after some Amendments, agreed to by the House, and is as follows.

The ADDRESS of the Assembly, in Answer to the Governor's Speech of the Second Instant.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

IT is with great Complacency this House receives the Governor's fresh Assurances of his Regard to the People we represent, in such affectionate Expressions, and Zeal to restore the Planter's Credit with just Care of the Merchant, who of late (with others) equally lie under the great Disadvantage of Want of a sufficient Currency of Cash; as appears to us from the melancholy Complaints of the People; and we will readily fall in with any Scheme, as shall appear to us conducive to a Remedy. Assembly's Address, in Answer to the Governor's Speech.

We gratefully acknowledge the Governor's Condescension to acquaint this House of his forming a Design to manufacture and consume the Grain of this Country: We hope the Success will answer the Governor's Expectation, by a fruitful Advantage of his Interest, and consequently that of the Country, which are inseparable.

We heartily thank the Governor for his repeated Offers, in condescending cheerfully to assist and advise this Assembly in what may be for the Publick Good.

Ordered, That the same be signed by the Speaker, and presented to the Governor, by *Nathaniel Newlin* and *Benjamin Vining*.

The said Members returned, that they delivered the Address to the Governor, who gave the House Thanks for the same.

The Petition of a considerable Number of *Palatines*, setting forth the Reasons for their removing themselves and Families into this Province, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill for their Naturalization, and to be exempt from swearing and bearing Arms, was read the second Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

11th Mo. 3. Poſt Meridiem.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying the Management of the Publick Treaſury may be inſpected, that the County Levy Act may be repealed, and that ſome Meaſures may be taken for Remedy of the preſent Decay of Trade, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered. And 'tis the Opinion of this Houſe, that if the Petitioners mean the Provincial Treaſury, the ſame is anſwered, by appointing a Committee for that Purpoſe. That there being no particular Miſmanagements of the Commiſſioners, alledged in the ſaid Petition, they think it beſt to defer the Alteration of that Law for the preſent; and that that Part of the Petition relating to Trade, be conſidered when more Matter of that Kind ſhall come before this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11th Mo. 4. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, this Houſe deſire to know whether the Laws paſſed ſince the Beginning of his Adminiſtration, be tranſmitted Home; and if any Return be made of their Approbation or Repeal.

The Committee of Accounts came to the Houſe, and *Iſaac Taylor* delivered to the Speaker the Report of the ſaid Committee in Writing.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be read; which was done, and is as follows.

THE Committee appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, report, that they have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, Duty on *Negroes*, Tonage and Exciſe, and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province, on the ſeveral Acts for Support of Government, are as followeth.

Impoſt on Rum, Wine and Duty on *Negroes*, till *Auguſt* 28 laſt, is	£	208	13	4
Tonage to the 13th of *November* laſt, — — —		74	6	8
Exciſe for the County of *Philadelphia*, from *May* 14, to *Auguſt* 14, 1721,		164	14	0
Ditto for the County of *Cheſter*, from *May* 14, to *November* 14, 1721,		64	7	2
Ditto for the County of *Bucks*, no Account brought ſince laſt Settlement,		00	0	0
Total received or due on Duties on Tonage and Exciſe, to the ſeveral Times aforeſaid, — — — —	£	512	1	2
Balance laſt Account ſettled with the Committee, *Auguſt* 18, 1721, due from the Collector, — — — —		704	10	0¼
In all	£	1216	11	2¼
Of which Sum he hath paid into the Treaſury, — —	£	350	5	7
Which makes the Balance due to the Province, — —		866	5	7¼

The Committee have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Account: The total Debt of the Province, on all Orders iſſued to the Riſing of the laſt Aſſembly, is *One Thouſand Three Hundred* and *Thirty-four Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Seven-pence*, which, with *Five Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, Commiſſions, at Five *per Cent.* makes the total Debt of the Treaſurer's Account *One Thouſand Three Hundred* and *Forty Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Eleven-pence*; towards Payment of which Sum he hath received from the Collector, as aforeſaid, *Three Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*; *Five Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*, and, by a Miſtake in his former Account of *Eighteen Pounds* ſhort in the Credit, makes *Three Hundred* and *Sixty-eight Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*. Balance due from the Province, in full of all Orders iſſued to the Time of the Riſing of the laſt Aſſembly, *Nine Hundred* and *Seventy-one Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*. For Payment of which Sum we beg Leave to obſerve, there remains Balance due from the Collector, when the Money is all received, *Eight Hundred* and *Sixty-ſix Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Seven-pence Half-penny*; the Entries of Rum, Wine and *Negroes*, ſince the 28th of *Auguſt*, are yet to be accounted for; alſo the Tonage from the 13th of *November*, and the Exciſe for the County of *Philadelphia*, ſince the 14th of *Auguſt*; and for the County of *Cheſter*, from the 14th of *November*; and the County of *Bucks*, for an uncertain Time; which ſeveral Sums, when received, will, we preſume, be ſufficient to over-balance the preſent Debt of the Province. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe.

ANTHONY MORRIS, ISAAC TAYLOR,
WILLIAM BILES, SAMUEL CARPENTER, ſen.

Nathaniel Newlin and *John Swift* returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would anſwer the ſame in Writing very ſpeedily.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *William Biles*, acquaint the Collector that this Houſe expects that he lay before them forthwith an Account of the particular Sums he hath paid on the Provincial Account, ſince his laſt Settlement with the Treaſurer, and alſo a Liſt of the out-ſtanding Debts. 1721-22. 11th Mo. 4.

A Motion was made, that this Houſe do take into Conſideration what Sums will be neceſſary to be raiſed for the Service of the Publick for the current Year.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech of the Sixteenth of *October* laſt, and the Aſſembly's Anſwer thereto, be again read; which was done accordingly; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent in the Debate thereof,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* be raiſed as a Supply for the Publick Service of this Province for the current Year.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, at Three a Clock this Afternoon, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the ſaid Supply; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Iſaac Taylor and *William Biles* report, they ſpoke to the Collector, who promiſed to comply with the Order of the Houſe as ſoon as poſſibly he could.

The Petition of a conſiderable Number of Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, ſetting forth ſundry Complaints and Aggrievances in ſeveral Articles, and praying Redreſs; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supplies agreed for the Support of Government; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *John Swift* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had made ſome Progreſs in the Matter to them referred; and that the Committee had directed him to move for Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will To-morrow, at Ten in the Morning, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply for Support of Government; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 5.

A Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying a Duty may be laid on Rum and Melaſſes, ſufficient to diſcourage the Importation thereof; to lower the Intereſt of Money to Six *per Cent.* and to make Hemp and Flax current Pay, together with ſeveral Reaſons and Arguments therein laid down to ſupport the ſame; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe, according to Order, reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of Ways and Means for raiſing of Money for Support of Government; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *John Swift* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had gone on the Buſineſs they had in Charge, and had come to ſeveral Reſolutions, which they had directed him to report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made at Three a Clock this Afternoon.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was read, and is as followeth.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'IN Anſwer to your laſt Meſſage I can only ſay, as to myſelf, that I never undertook nor attempted to ſend Home any Laws for the royal Approbation, excepting that One for the Advancement of Juſtice; for which Service the Aſſembly chearfully voted *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*; out of which, my worthy Friend, Mr. *Thomas Beak*, who, at my earneſt Requeſt, took the whole Trouble of that Buſineſs upon himſelf, has not yet received one Farthing. Governor's Meſſage.

'If therefore you will pleaſe to examine how much has been paid of the ſaid *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, towards the Service for which it was appropriated, and to order that the ſame be remitted to Mr. *Beak*, out of the firſt Money that ſhall come into the Treaſury this Year, it will, in my Opinion, do Juſtice to the Honour of your Aſſemblies, and the Publick Faith of the Province, which otherwiſe will moſt certainly ſuffer in *England* upon that Account: And a total Neglect hereof will alſo render the Management of any future Buſineſs, of the ſame Nature, much more difficult than otherwiſe it might be.

'I have, on ſeveral Occaſions, felt how much the Affairs of this Province ſuffer at Home for want of an eſtabliſhed Agent; and you will find upon the Minutes of the two laſt preceding Aſſemblies how warmly I had recommended that Matter to them: And if you will but take Time to think of, and conſider the Importance of it, I am confident I need not trouble you with any more Arguments on ſo plain a Subject.

'I do not know of any Inconveniency that has happened upon the Repeal of ſome former Laws. And I hope we ſhall ever be careful not to offend a gracious King, or his

1721-22. 11th Mo. 5. 'Miniſters at Home, by re-enacting the ſame Laws, which his Majeſty has once thought 'fit to reject; a Practice too much in Uſe in this Province heretofore, tho' never attempted 'in my Time, and I hope never will be hereafter.'

January 5. 1721-22. WILLIAM KEITH.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones* call upon *Jonathan Dickinſon*, or *Iſaac Norris*, and acquaint them, that this Houſe deſires an Account of their Proceedings on the Order of Aſſembly for *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, ordered to be remitted Home for the Publick Service of this Province, purſuant to a Reſolve of the Aſſembly, *Auguſt* 18, 1720; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, &c.

John Swift, according to Order, reported to the Houſe the Reſolutions of the Grand Committee, to whom it was referred to conſider of Ways and Means for raiſing the Supply for Support of Government, *viz.* That a Duty or Impoſt of *Three-pence per* Gallon be laid on all Rum, and other Spirits, imported into this Province by Land or Water; that a Duty or Impoſt of *Forty Shillings per* Pipe be paid for all Wine imported by all Strangers, and *Twenty Shillings per* Pipe for all Wine imported by the Inhabitants of this Province; that a Duty or Impoſt of *One Penny per* Gallon be paid for all Melaſſes imported into this Province; that *Five Pounds per* Head be paid as a Duty for all *Negroes* imported into this Province; that a Duty or Impoſt of *Six-pence per* Pound be paid for all Hops imported, the Growth of the Lower Counties and *Weſt-Jerſey* excepted; that a Duty or Impoſt of *Five Shillings per* Barrel be laid on all Cyder imported, the Growth of the Lower Counties and *Weſt-Jerſey* excepted; that a Duty or Impoſt of *Six-pence per* Pound be laid on all Flax imimported, the Growth of the Lower Counties and *Weſt-Jerſey*, excepted; and that the Exciſe of *Eight-pence per* Gallon upon Wine be continued; and the Queſtion being put, that the Houſe doth agree to, and confirm the ſame? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that ſome Methods be taken to prevent the Abuſes that happen from the Importation of Liquor in irregular and high bilged Caſk? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 6. A Motion was made, that this Houſe do conſider what Meaſures ſhall be taken to enforce and encourage the making of good fine Flour; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, &c.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for laying the Impoſt and Duty on Liquors, Hops and Flax; and that *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Benjamin Vining*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for laying a Duty on *Negroes*; and that *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in for laying an Exciſe on Wine of *Eight-pence per* Gallon; and that *Francis Rawle*, and *John Swift*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Committee be appointed to reviſe the Laws now in Force, and that they lay before this Houſe an Account of ſuch as want Amendment, or are fit to be repealed, or being repealed, fit to be re-enacted; and alſo their Opinion what Laws they think are requiſite now to be made.

Reſolved, That the ſame be done in a Committee of the whole Houſe.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe the Twelfth Inſtant at Three in the Afternoon, to proceed upon the ſaid Review of the Laws; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Eighth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 8. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, &c.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Speaker, reviſe the Minutes, in order to be printed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 9. The Houſe met, &c.

The Speaker reported, that he, with the Members appointed, had reviſed the Minutes, according to Order.

Reſolved, That the ſame be printed.

Robert Jones, and *Samuel Carpenter*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *imported into this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Andrew Bradford*, Printer, attend this Houſe; who attended accordingly. And being called in, was demanded by the Speaker for what Conſideration he would print the Votes of this Aſſembly: And the ſaid Printer offered to print the ſame for *Twenty-five Shillings per* Sheet, and would deliver fifty Copies as the Aſſembly ſhall order; to which the Houſe agreed.

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A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, propoſing ſeveral Parts of the Act for raiſing County Levies may be altered; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table. 1721-22. *11th Mo.* 9.

A Motion was made, that a certain Law of this Province, for impowering the Juſtices to ſettle the Prices of Liquors in Publick-houſes, and Provender for Horſes in Publick-ſtables, ſo far as the ſaid Law relates to Liquors, be repealed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Motion be further conſidered this Afternoon.

The Petition of *Francis Wood*, and *Edward Twells*, ſetting forth the Charge and Trouble they have been at in bringing to Perfection the making of Lamp-black in this Province, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit all other Perſons to make the ſame for a Term of Years, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, praying that a Duty be laid on Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, and all Foreign Liquors imported; that all Importers of Servants and Goods may be enjoined to take Country Produce for Pay, and that Hemp be made current Pay at *Forty-five Shillings per* Hundred; that the Charge which attends removing Cauſes from their Quarter Seſſions to the Supream Court at *Philadelphia*, being very great, all Cauſes may have their ultimate Trial in the County where they ariſe; that the Toll taken by Millers, being extravagant, may be leſſened, and ſomething done to regulate boulting and packing Flour; that the Building and Repairing of Bridges in that County may be made a Provincial Charge; that the Intereſt of Money may be reduced to Six *per Cent.* and that all Perſons give an Account of that Part of their Eſtates to the Aſſeſſors for County Levies, in Order to be taxed; that the Commiſſioners for raiſing County Levies be made elective yearly; and that ſomething be done for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation allowed by Law; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Motion made this Morning, for repealing Part of the Law for impowering the Juſtices to ſet the Prices of Liquors, *&c.* and, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to encourage the making good Beer in this Province; and that *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

William Tidmarſh has Leave to be abſent To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 10.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, read Yeſterday Afternoon, was again read, and conſidered,

Reſolved, That a Bounty of *One Penny per* Pound ſhall be paid for all good merchantable Hemp that ſhall be made of the Growth of this Province.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That good merchantable Hemp ſhall be current Pay in this Province for all Debts, and in all Caſes, at a certain Price to be ſet upon it by this Houſe.

Reſolved, N. C. D. That the Supream Courts of this Province ought to be held and kept in each County as formerly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in to encourage the making of good fine Flour in this Province; and that *Benjamin Vining*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

Reſolved, That a Supplement be made to the County Levy Act, to make the Commiſſioners yearly elective, and that there be but three in each County, and that the preſent Commiſſioners be continued till the firſt of *October* next.

Reſolved, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Governor, to deſire him to inform this Houſe, if he is any further ſatisfied about the Bill laid before him by the laſt Aſſembly, for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation by Law appointed.

A Petition of ſundry ſingle Perſons, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they lie under by the Method now uſed for rating them, and the Diſproportion it is to other Peoples Rates; and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Shop-keepers, ſetting forth the Damage they and others ſuffer by the ill Practices of Pedlars, and praying they may be reſtricted and obliged to give Security, and take out Licences yearly; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſetting forth the Inconveniencies that happen from the Importation and Uſe of foreign Liquors in this Province, and praying the ſame may be remedied, by encouraging the Conſumption of Liquors made of the Produce of this Government, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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1721-22. The Houſe met, *&c.*

11*th Mo.* 11. *Ordered*, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor with the Meſſage Yeſterday agreed to be ſent to him, about the Bill for the Eaſe of ſuch as ſcruple to take the Affirmation by Law appointed.

Benjamin Vining, and *Iſaac Taylor*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops, and Flax imported, landed, or brought into this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Robert Jones and *Nathaniel Newlin* returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to deſire them to inform the Houſe, that ſundry Perſons, whom that Bill moſt affected, had told them they would write Home for a Copy of the Act of Parliament in *Ireland* on that Account; and that he had writ to *Great-Britain* about it, but had not yet received any Anſwer; and therefore thought it beſt the Houſe would let that Affair alone at preſent.

Adjournment. The Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Henry Dexter*, and *William Davies*, ſetting forth the Damage that accrues to the Purchaſers of foreign Liquors in this Province, by the Method now uſed, of gauging all Manner of Caſk by the Diagonal Line; which Method they alledge to be falſe and erroneous; and praying to be made ſworn Gaugers, and that the Method of Gauging be ſettled after the Manner uſed in the Exciſe in *Europe*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry *Swedes*, and other Inhabitants, complaining againſt the Uneaſineſs given them by ſome deſigning Perſons, relating to the Titles to Land they hold under Grants from the Government of *New-York*, &c. and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to confirm them in their Rights and Poſſeſſions; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Samuel Carpenter*, praying, if an Act paſs this Aſſembly for regulating the boulting Trade, that he may be appointed Inſpector and Weigh-maſter; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 12. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *John Wells*, of *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, and of ſundry Inhabitants of *New-Jerſey*, relating to the Ferry pray'd to be ſettled upon the ſaid *John Wells*'s Land, was read the ſecond Time: And alſo,

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, about the Ferry deſired to be ſettled at *Thomas Canby*'s Mill, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will conſider the ſaid Petitions the Seventeenth Inſtant; and that the Clerk give Notice, in Writing, to *John Wells*, to attend at that Time if he ſee Cauſe.

The Houſe being informed that the Collector of the Impoſt and Exciſe attended, he was called in, and delivered to the Speaker a Liſt of Out-ſtanding Debts, amounting to *Six Hundred* and *Eight Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Three-pence Half-penny*, and then withdrew; and the ſaid Liſt being read, he was again called in, and made Anſwer to ſeveral Queſtions put to him by the Speaker relating to the ſaid Liſt; and being preſſed upon getting in the ſaid Debts, and ſhewed the Danger himſelf and Security lies under by their Out-ſtanding, he promiſed to uſe his utmoſt Diligence therein; and then withdrew.

Robert Jones, according to Order, brought to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for encourging the making of good Beer, and Conſumption of Grain in this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Jane Auſtin*, Widow, ſetting forth the Damage ſhe and her Children have ſuſtained by pulling down the Arch, and praying ſome Meaſures may be taken for her Relief; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Benjamin Morgan*, ſetting forth the Abuſes ſuffered by the prevailing Cuſtom of gauging Liquors imported in very irregular Caſk by Rules only applicable to Caſk of regular Proportions, *&c.* and praying to be appointed ſworn Gauger for the City of *Philadelphia*; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Order of the Day being read, for the Houſe to reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to proceed upon the Review of the Laws, the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe thereupon accordingly; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and *John Swift* reported from the ſaid Committee, that they had gone through the Matter they had in Charge, and had directed him to report to the Houſe the Opinion of the Committee thereon, *viz.* That the ſeveral Laws following be

be conſidered by this Houſe; in order to Amendment and Re-enacting, *viz.* The Law about *firing Woods*; the Law *for better ſettling Inteſtates Eſtates*; the Law *for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*; and the Law *for raiſing a Duty upon Tonage of Ships and Veſſels*; and that the Committee had agreed to add a Clauſe for a Draw-back of the Tonage, to be allowed to ſuch Veſſels as ſhall load two Thirds of their Lading of the Produce of this Province, and with the Money or Effects they had here or imported. 1721-22. 11th Mo. 12.

The Petition of a great Number of Inhabitants of this Province, praying the Currency of Money may be raiſed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 13.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones reported, that, according to the Order of the Fifth Inſtant, he had ſpoke to *Iſaac Norris*, and *Jonathan Dickinſon*, who informed him, they had received but *Fifty Pounds* of the *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, formerly ordered for the Service of the Publick in *Great-Britain*; which *Fifty Pounds* they ſent Home in a Bill to *Henry Goldney*, which they thought would not much more than ſatisfy him for what he advanced ſome Time agone for the Publick Service of this Government; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fifteenth of *January*, at Nine a Clock in the Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 15.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 16.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for encouraging the Making of good Beer, and Conſumption of Grain in this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *John Eier*, praying to be appointed the Officer for inſpecting, ſearching, and weighing of Flour; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Bentley Cook*, praying to be appointed the Brander of Flour; was preſented to the Houſe and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Andrew Bradford*, ſetting forth, that he hath been at great Charge in bringing to Perfection the Making of Lamp-black, and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit all others from making the ſame for a Term of Years; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Benjamin Vining, and *Samuel Carpenter*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Fineneſs, Goodneſs and Weight, of fine Flour, and making the ſame current Pay*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Francis Rawle, and *John Swift*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine retailed in this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Province, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, do prepare and bring in a Supplement to the County Levy Act, according to the Reſolve of this Houſe the Tenth Inſtant.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in to regulate the Practice of Gauging; and that *William Biles*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for ſome Regulations in his Ferry; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *John Worrall*, complaining againſt ſome irregular Proceſs uſed againſt him by ſome of the Magiſtrates of *Cheſter* County; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 17.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported into this Province, was read the third Time; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Bill for encouraging the Making of good Beer, and Conſumption of Grain in this Province, was read the third Time; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

1721-22. 11*th Mo.* 17. *Francis Rawle*, a Member of this Houſe, and a Perſon intereſted in the Lands and Lots belonging to the Free Society of Traders into this Province, erected at the firſt Settlement thereof, moved in Behalf of himſelf, and the reſt concerned in the ſaid Lands, that Leave be given them to bring in a Bill for veſting the ſaid Lands and Lots, in Truſtees for Sale, for the Benefit of the Owners thereof.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to prepare and bring in a Supplement to the Act for more effectual raiſing County Rates and Levies, brought to the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Francis Rawle, according to Leave given, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands and Lots commonly called, The Lands of the* Free Society *of Traders in* Pennſylvania, *in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of ſuch Sums of Money as were paid in to the Publick Stock of the ſaid Society, for purchaſing the ſaid Lands and Lots, and the Carrying on the Trade deſigned by the ſaid Society*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That all Books, Deeds, Writings and Papers, whatſoever, that can be had or obtained, any ways touching or relating to the ſaid Society's Stock, be laid before the Houſe.

The Houſe, according to Order, took into Conſideration the Matter in Debate between *John Wells* and *Thomas Canby*, about the Ferry in *Soleberry* Townſhip, in the County of *Bucks*.

Ordered, That *John Wells* attend this Houſe; and he attended accordingly: And being called in, was ordered to ſpeak what he had to ſay in Defence of his Petition; which he did.

Thomas Canby alſo gave the Houſe the Reaſons for the Requeſt made in his Petition; and then *John Wells* withdrew.

And the Houſe having conſidered the Arguments and Allegations on both Sides,

Ordered, That *William Biles*, *John Sotcher*, *Joſeph Kirkbride*, and *Bartholomew Jacobs*, go upon and view the Places in diſpute, and make Report to this Houſe their Opinion whoſe Conveniency will beſt accommodate the ſaid Ferry.

The Petition of the ſingle Perſons was read the ſecond Time, and upon the Debate,

Reſolved, That the Rate or Tax of a ſingle Perſon in County Levies and Poor's Rates be *Three Shillings per* Head upon the Tax of *One Penny per Pound.*

Ordered, That a Clauſe be added to the Supplement to the County Levy Act for that Purpoſe.

The Petition of *George Mifflin*, praying to be appointed Weigh-maſter and Searcher of Flour; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Joſeph Antrobus*, praying ſome Care may be taken, before the Society Bill paſſeth this Houſe, to preſerve to him his Improvements on the Society Land; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying, that they may revive the old Ferry over *Schuylkill*, at the End of *High-ſtreet*, under ſuch Limitations and Reſtrictions as are uſual to other Ferries; and that the Officer for ſearching and weighing Flour, may be appointed by, and be under the Direction of, the ſaid City; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The ſupplementary Act to the Law for the more effectual raiſing County Rates and Levies; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes*; the Bill for laying an Impoſt on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported; and the Bill for encouraging the Making good Beer, and Conſumption of Grain in this Province, being tranſcribed;

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Joſhua Carpenter*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift reported, that he, with the other Members appointed, delivered the Bills to the Governor, according to Order.

The Petition of *Daniel Hoodt* and *Thomas Flower*, praying to be appointed the only Perſons to gauge foreign Liquors for the City of *Philadelphia*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Shop-keepers, ſetting forth the Damage they and others ſuffer by the ill Practices of Pedlars, and petty Chapmen, and praying they may be reſtricted and obliged

obliged to give Security, and take out Licences yearly; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered; 1721-22.

Reſolved, That all Pedlars be obliged to take a Licence yearly from the Governor; and that the Price be *Forty Shillings* for a Horſe-pedlar, and *Twenty Shillings* for one that travels on Foot. *11th Mo.* 18.

The Petition of ſundry *Swedes*, and others, relating to the Lands they hold under Grants from the Government of *New-York*; was read the ſecond Time, and

Ordered, That the ſame be conſidered To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 19.

The Houſe, according to Order, took into Conſideration the Petition of the *Swedes*, read laſt Night; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, the Queſtion was put, that Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

William Biles, and the other Members appointed, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Gauging of Caſks of Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, and Melaſſes, imported into this Province*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Coopers of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying that *Benjamin Morgan* may be appointed ſworn Gauger, with Power to make Deputies; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying that Liquors of the Produce of this Province may be exempt from Exciſe; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine retailed in this Province was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That an Exciſe of *Eight-pence per* Gallon be laid upon Rum, and that the ſame be added to the ſaid Bill; and then the ſaid Bill was committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A written Meſſage from the Governor by his Secretary, acquainting the Houſe, "That he thinks convenient to defer conſidering the Impoſt Bill till that of the Exciſe, which he underſtands is now preparing, be laid before him; and alſo, that he, finding there was a Petition of a Number of *Swedes*, relating to ſome Affairs of Property, preferred to this Houſe, deſired a Copy of the ſaid Petition, and the Proceedings of the Houſe thereupon."

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſires he will pleaſe to return the Impoſt Bill to the Houſe, in order to have that and the Exciſe Bill conſidered together; and that a Copy of the *Swedes* Petition, and the Proceedings of this Houſe thereon, ſhould be ſent him: Who returned, and report, they did their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order.

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned to the Houſe the Impoſt Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplement to the Act for the more effectual raiſing County Rates and Levies*, was read the third Time, and recommitted to *Iſaac Taylor* and *Robert Jones*; and ordered that an Amendment be made, for the three eldeſt Commiſſioners in *Philadelphia* County, the two eldeſt or firſt named Commiſſioners in *Cheſter* County, and the firſt named Commiſſioner in *Bucks* County, be diſcharged of that Office on the 30th Day of *September* next; and that then, the Firſt of *October* following, one Commiſſioner be elected in the Room of them in each County yearly, to take Place after the two other then remaining.

The Petition of *Hugh Treſs*, and others, living near where the Arch, in the *Front-ſtreet*, lately was, complaining of the Injury done them by the pulling down of the ſaid Arch, and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 20.

The Bill for gauging of Caſks of Rum, Brandy, and other ſtrong Liquors, and Melaſſes imported into this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of ſundry Tanners, praying the Law for regulating the Practice of Tanners and Curriers, and ſettling the Price of tanned Leather, *&c.* may be repealed, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Thomas Canby*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, this Houſe incline to adjourn till the 29th Inſtant, if the Governor pleaſe to approve thereof: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor approved of the propoſed Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the 29th Inſtant. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 29.

A Quorum of the Members met, according to Adjournment, and *William Biles* informed them, that he had ſeen the Speaker, who deſired him to acquaint the Members, that he is not able or capable, at preſent, to attend the Service of the Houſe; and therefore they agreed that *Nathaniel Newlin*, *William Biles*, and *Benjamin Vining*, ſhould wait upon the

1721-22. 11*th Mo.* 29. the Governor, and acquaint him that, by Reaſon of the Speaker's Indiſpoſition and Abſence, they cannot proceed to Buſineſs, and have reſolved to meet this Day Fortnight, if the Governor pleaſe to approve thereof: Who returned, that they waited, and delivered him what they had in Charge; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, that on this Occaſion he thought it his Buſineſs to adjourn the Houſe; and therefore deſired the Members would keep together, till he ſent his Meſſage in Writing for that Purpoſe.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent a written Meſſage to adjourn the Houſe till the twelfth Day of *February* next; whereupon the Members preſent thought fit to depart, and agreed to meet at that Time accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till the twelfth of *February* next.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 12. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

A Quorum of the Members met, according to their Agreement, and *William Biles* informed them, that the Speaker continued ſick, and that he had ſeen the Governor, who was pleaſed to deſire ſome Members of Aſſembly might attend him this Evening, to conſult what is beſt to be done in the preſent Exigency.

A Motion was made, that the Members depart at preſent, and meet again the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant; to which they agreed, and ordered that *Robert Jones*, *William Biles*, *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor according to his Requeſt, and acquaint him therewith: Who returned, that they had attended the Governor, according to Order, and delivered him the Mind of the Members preſent; but had no regular Conference with him as Members of Aſſembly on the preſent Occaſion.

The Clerk acquainted the Members preſent, that the Governor had ſent for him, and (in the Preſence of *Robert Jones*, and the other Members ſent to attend the Governor) delivered to him a Paper, which he delivered in at the Table; and the ſame being read, was a Writing ſigned by the Governor, under the leſſer Seal of the Province, directed to him as Clerk of the Houſe of Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, to acquaint the ſaid Repreſentatives that they are adjourned to the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant. Whereupon they unanimouſly reſolved and agreed to meet at that Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 26. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *William Biles*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and ready to receive what the Governor has to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 27. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Iſaac Taylor and *William Biles* report, they waited on the Governor, according to Order, and delivered their Meſſage; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, he was glad the Speaker had recovered ſuch a State of Health, as to attend the Service of the Houſe; that he had nothing new to lay before them, but deſired they would proceed to the Buſineſs now in Hand, and he would readily concur with any Thing for the Service of the Country; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Seſſion, from the Fifteenth of *January* laſt, be read; which was done.

William Biles, and the other Members appointed to ſee on whoſe Land is the beſt Conveniency for the Ferry propoſed to be ſettled in *Soleberry*, report, that they had gone upon the Place, viewed and conſidered the Conveniencies of the Parties in Difference, and find that *John Wells*'s Land, and Conveniency of Landing, will beſt accommodate a Ferry in that Place for the Service of the Publick; and then the Queſtion was put, that Leave be given the ſaid *John Wells* to bring in a Bill for Settlement of the ſaid Ferry? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 28. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſetting forth the Hardſhips ſome of the Inhabitants of this Government ſuffer by the Unacquaintance of the Aſſeſſors with the Circumſtances of the People in general, and praying that an Aſſeſſor may be choſen in each Townſhip, and to ſerve in that Station *gratis*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, praying Leave to bring in a Bill for reviving of ſuch Debts, due from the County of *Philadelphia*, as cannot now be allowed by the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, for want of being exhibited and noted, as directed by the Law of this Province, paſſed in the Fourth Year of the late Queen ANNE, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to that about raiſing County Levies*; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That ſince the Petitioners in their Petition own they were apprized of the ſaid Act, which fore-cloſed their Debts, this Houſe think it not fit or reaſonable to revive ſuch Debts as were wholly loſt by the Neglect of the Creditors.

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The Petition of *William Hearn*, ſhewing, that he being entitled to *Twenty-five Pounds* in the Society Stock, has taken up the one Eighth of a Square in that Right; and praying that the ſame may be preſerved to him; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be further conſidered when the Society Bill is gone upon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1721-22. 12th Mo. 28. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſundry Butchers, praying they may have Leave to ſell Meat at Standings of their own raiſing and building, in the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia*, and not be expoſed to the extravagant Rent of the Stalls now built for the Market-houſe; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones* wait upon the Mayor and Recorder, and get an Account of the Conditions of building the ſaid Stalls, and in what Time the Rent will pay the Money they coſt, with Intereſt.

The Bill, for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the *Free Society* of Traders in *Pennſylvania*, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of ſuch Sums of Money as were paid in to the Publick Stock of the ſaid Society, for purchaſing the ſaid Lands and Lots, and carrying on the Trade deſigned by the ſaid Society; was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *William Biles*, be a Committee to examine the Writings relating to the Society's Affairs, and to compare them with the Recitals in the Bill; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſetting forth ſome Difficulties that attend the Ferry, called *Roach's Ferry*, and the Badneſs of the Road to it; and the Conveniency of the Old Ferry over *Schuylkill*, called *England's Ferry*, and praying that Power may be given to the City Magiſtrates, to erect and eſtabliſh a Ferry at or near the Place where the Old Ferry was kept, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Limitations as the Aſſembly ſhall think fit; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons in *Cheſter* County, praying the County Levy Act may be repealed, or that three Commiſſioners may be elected yearly; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 1ſt Mo. 1.

Benjamin Vining, according to Leave given, brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further Confirmation of Rights to Lands, and for avoiding Law-ſuits concerning the ſame*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Service the Law for County Levies hath been to the ſaid County, and the preſent Damage the Alteration of the ſame will be thereto; and praying that it may not at preſent be altered; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, relating to the County Levy Act, and praying ſome Alteration may be made thereto; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for the more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies*, was read the third Time, with the Amendment; and the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Amendment, for diſplacing ſome Commiſſioners, and electing others in their Stead, ſhall ſtand as now inſerted in the Bill? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that the Commiſſioners, for the future, ſhall be three in Number, and yearly elected on the firſt Day of *October*? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*: And the ſaid Bill was amended accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill and Amendments do paſs. Adjournment.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for regulating the Trade of Boulting, and aſcertaining the Fineneſs and Goodneſs of Flour, and making the ſame current Pay in this Province; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 1ſt Mo. 2.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill for regulating the Trade of Boulting, and aſcertaining the Fineneſs and Goodneſs of Flour, and making the ſame current Pay in this Province; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That the ſame be further conſidered this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill for regulating the Boulting Trade, and aſcertaining the Fineneſs and Goodneſs of Flour, &c. and, after ſome Time ſpent therein,

1721-22. and ſeveral Amendments agreed to be made thereto, the ſame was committed to *Robert Jones*, *Francis Rawle*, *Benjaming Vining*, and *Samuel Carpenter*.

1ſt Mo. 2. *Robert Jones*, and the other Members appointed, report, that they have examined the Inſtrument recited in the Society Bill, and alſo made Remarks on ſome other Parts of the Bill, with References, in order to their notifying the ſame to the Houſe upon the third Reading of the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjourn ment. 1ſt Mo. 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

An Act for for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine and Rum retailed in this Province, was read the third Time, with the Amendments; and ſome other Amendments were agreed to be made thereto.

Ordered, That *Joſhua Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſires to know what Concluſion he is come to on the Bill for Encouragement of making good Beer, *&c.* and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fifth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjourn-ment. 1ſt Mo. 5. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Joſhua Carpenter, and *Anthony Morris*, report, that they went this Day to wait upon the Governor; but that he was not in Town.

Robert Jones, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Bill for aſcertaining the Fineneſs and Goodneſs of Flour, *&c.* which was read the third Time, with the Amendments; and ſeveral other Amendments were agreed to be made to the Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjourn-ment. 1ſt Mo. 6. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Joſhua Carpenter, and *Anthony Morris*, acquainted the Houſe, that they had now waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage given to them the third Inſtant; and that the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, as to the Bill mentioned in their Meſſage in Council, it was agreed, *Nemine Contradicente*, that that Part thereof relating to the Prohibition of uſing Melaſſes in Diſtillation, was not for the Intereſt of the Country.

The Houſe went upon the Debate of the Amendments made to the Bill for regulating the Boulting Trade, *&c.* and the Title thereof being made, *An Act for preventing the Exportation of Flour not merchantable*, the other Amendments were read; and, after ſome Debate, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Petition of *Charles Sober*, and *Samuel Blunſton*, praying to be heard before the Houſe grant Liberty for ſettling the Ferry at the End of *High-ſtreet*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining* acquaint the Petitioners, that they have Liberty to lay before this Houſe what Reaſons they have to ſupport their ſaid Petition.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying a Ferry may be ſettled from *Thomas Yardley*'s Landing, in the ſaid County, over *Delaware* to *New-Jerſey*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjourn-ment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Amendments made to the Bill for laying an Exciſe on Wine and Rum retailed in this Province, were read; and

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added, to lodge *One Hundred Pounds per Annum* in the Collector's Hands, to pay the Bounty of *One Penny per* Pound upon Hemp, and the Reſidue to go in to the Provincial Treaſury.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, and ſome Minutes of the Proceedings of the Governor and Council this Day, upon an Information of ſome Perſons made to the Governor and Council of the Death of an *Indian* above *Coneſtogoe*, cauſed, as is ſaid, by *John* or *Edmund Cartlidge*, or both of them; and deſiring the Houſe would vote ſuch a Supply as will defray the neceſſary Charge of ſuch unforeſeen Accidents, which was read, and conſidered.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Thanks of this Houſe be given to the Governor for the Care he has already taken in the above Affair; and that he be deſired to uſe the moſt expeditious Methods poſſible for apprehending the Perſons ſuſpected to be guilty of the Fact, in order to bring them to Juſtice; and that this Houſe will chearfully defray the neceſſary Charge that ſhall accrue on the Proſecution thereof.

Adjourn-ment. 1ſt Mo. 7. *Ordered*, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Abel Janney*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him with the Reſolve of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Iſaac Taylor and *Abel Janney* reported, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſignify his Satisfaction with the Reſult of the Houſe, and promiſed to take what Care in him lies to anſwer their Requeſt.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the further Confirmation of Rights to Lands, and for avoiding of Law-ſuits concerning the ſame*, was read the ſecond Time; alſo a written Meſſage from the Governor, with the Copy of a Letter from him to the Commiſſioners of Property, and their Anſwer to him, all touching the Buſineſs of the *Swedes*, mentioned in their Petition and the aboveſaid Bill; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Debate of the ſaid Bill, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill be committed, in order to a third Reading? *Paſſed in the Negative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1721-22. 1ſt Mo. 7. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the* Free Society *of Traders in* Pennſylvania, *in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of ſuch Sums of Money as were paid in to the Publick Stock of the ſaid Society, for purchaſing the ſaid Lands and Lots, and the carrying on the Trade deſigned by the ſaid Society*; was read the third Time, and ſome Amendments were ageed to be made to the Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt. Mo. 8.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Clauſe added to the Bill for laying an Exciſe on Wine and Rum retailed in this Province, was read; and, after ſome Debate, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bills, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable*; *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies*; and *An Act laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine and Rum retailed in this Province*, being tranſcribed and examined,

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *John Sotcher*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and that they return to him the Impoſt Bill; alſo that they deſire the Governor's ſpeedy Conſideration of the two Bills now lying before him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 9.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor report, they delivered the Bills and their Meſſage to him, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, he would call his Council, and conſider one or both of thoſe Bills lying before him to Day.

A Motion was made, that this Houſe do conſider of a Sum to be given to the Governor for his preſent Supply, and the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be preſented to Sir *William Keith*, Bart. Governor of this Province, for his preſent Supply, to be paid out of the Publick Treaſury of this Province? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand on the Treaſurer for Payment thereof; which was done accordingly.

Some Propoſals, by way of Amendment, from the Attorney-General to the Society Bill, were laid before the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, do prepare and bring in a Bill for regulating the Method how the Bounty upon Hemp ſhall be demanded and paid.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Robert Jones*, and *William Biles*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe have voted him *Five Hundred Pounds* for his preſent Supply; and that they incline to adjourn till the Twenty-third Day of *April* next, if the Governor pleaſes to approve thereof.

Ordered, That the Speaker be deſired to deliver the Order for *Five Hundred Pounds* to the Governor.

The ſaid Members returned, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order, who was pleaſed to agree to the Time of the Adjournment propoſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-third Day of *April* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 1722.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 2d Mo. 23. Adjournment. 2d Mo. 24.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones and *Nathaniel Newlin* reported, they waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, that what he had to communicate to the Houſe, ſhould be laid before them this Day in Writing; alſo that he had conſidered ſome of the Bills now lying before him, and would call his Council this Day, and conſider the reſt.

The Bill for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the Free Society of Traders in *Pennſylvania*, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Payment of ſuch Sums of Money

1722. as were paid in to the Publick Stock of the ſaid Society, for purchaſing the ſaid Lands and Lots, and the Carrying on the Trade deſigned by the ſaid Society, and the Amendments,
2d Mo. 24. were again read.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a Clauſe be added to the Bill, to preſerve to ſuch Perſons as have ſettled Lands in Right of the Society their Improvements, they making appear their Right; and that in ſuch Caſe, the Value of the Lands they hold ſhall be ſettled by indifferent Perſons, to which both Parties ſhall agree; and that the Poſſeſſors have two Months Time, after the Paſſing this Act, to apply to the Truſtees for that Purpoſe, or elſe be fore-cloſed of the Benefit thereof? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Robert Jones*, add a Clauſe to the Bill accordingly.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, ſetting forth the Miſchiefs that happen or may accrue to this Province, by ſelling Rum to the *Indians*, and other indirect Practices of the *Indian* Traders in their Dealings with them; and praying ſome certain Places may be appointed for the *Indians* to bring their Commodities to and deal at, or ſome other Remedy for the ſaid Aggrievance; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift, and *Robert Jones*, according to Order, brought to the Houſe the Clauſe ordered to be added to the Society Bill, which was read, and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe; and the ſame was added to the Bill accordingly.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Petition of ſundry Tanners, praying the Law for regulating the Practice of Tanners and Curriers, and ſettling the Price of tanned Leather, may be repealed; was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That this Houſe can ſee no Cauſe at preſent to repeal the ſaid Law, as pray'd by the ſaid Petition.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying a Ferry may be ſettled from *Thomas Yardley*'s, in the ſaid County, over *Delaware* to *New-Jerſey*; was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill for ſettling the ſaid Ferry; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

2d Mo. 25. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petitions of *Jane Auſtin*, Widow, *Hugh Treſs*, and ſundry others, ſetting forth the Damage ſhe and they have ſuſtained by pulling down the Arch, and praying ſome Meaſures may be taken for their Relief; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That it not appearing to this Houſe that the Petitioners have applied to the Mayor and Commonalty, or to the Laws of this Province, for Redreſs, they are of Opinion the Matter complained of does not lie properly before this Houſe, till ſuch Application be made, or Trial had.

The Governor, by *Charles Brockden*, ſent to the Houſe the Bills, for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine and Rum retailed in this Province; for laying a Duty on *Negroes* imported into this Province; a ſupplementary Act to the Act for the more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies; to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable; for encouraging the Making of good Beer, and Conſumption of Grain in this Province; and for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops and Flax, landed or brought into this Province, with the Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to every of them: And the ſaid Amendments were read.

The Bill for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the *Free Society* of Traders in *Pennſylvania*, in Truſtees, *&c.* being tranſcribed and examined,

Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Iſaac Taylor and *Anthony Morris* reported, they waited on the Governor, according to Order, and delivered him the Society Bill.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, praying ſome Remedy againſt ſuch as carry Paſſengers for Hire, under the Pretence of carrying them *gratis*, was read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Petitioner be referred to the Law for Remedy.

The Petition of ſundry Butchers, praying they may have Leave to ſell Meat at Standings of their own raiſing and building in the Streets of the City of *Philadelphia*, and not be expoſed to the extravagant Rent of the Stalls now built for the Market-houſe, was read the ſecond Time.

And *Robert Jones* reported, that, according to the Order of the Twentieth of *February* laſt, he had ſpoke with the Mayor about the State of that Affair; who informed him, that they think it not reaſonable to abate any of the Rent of the Stalls, till the Money and Intereſt they coſt be ſatisfied; which, conſidering Deficiencies and bad Debts, will, in all

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Probability, be a long Time before it is paid: And, after ſome Time ſpent in the Conſideration of the ſaid Petition and Report, 1722.

Ordered, That the Mayor and Commonalty be deſired either to lower the yearly Rent of the Stalls, or to appoint the Petitioners ſome other convenient Place for them to erect Standings at their own Charge on eaſy Rent. *2d Mo.* 25.

The Petition of a conſiderable Number of Inhabitants of this Province, praying the Currency of Money may be raiſed, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *2d Mo.* 26.

The Houſe, according to Order, reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition for raiſing the Currency of Money; and, after ſome Debate, the Queſtion was put, that a Bill be brought in to alter and raiſe the Currency of ſuch Coins, paſſing in this Province, as are not ſettled by Queen ANNE's Proclamation? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame.

The Petition of *John Worrall*, complaining againſt ſome irregular Proſecutions againſt him by ſome of the Magiſtrates of *Cheſter* County, and praying Relief, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered: And it is the Opinion of this Houſe, that there is ſufficient Remedy to be had by Law for any Miſdemeanour of a Magiſtrate.

The Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty, and alſo the Petition of a conſiderable Number of the Inhabitants on the Weſt-ſide of *Schuylkill*, deſiring the ſaid Mayor and Commonalty may have Liberty to ſettle or revive the Old Ferry, commonly called *England*'s *Ferry*; and the Petition of *Charles Sober*, and *Samuel Blunſton*, againſt ſettling the ſaid Ferry, were read again; and alſo *Samuel Blunſton*'s Reaſons againſt the ſaid Ferry, this Day laid before the Houſe, were alſo read: And Doctor *Sober* attending was called in, and, as Attorney to Captain *Roach*, offered his Reaſons againſt erecting the ſaid Ferry; all which were conſider'd.

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Mayor and Commonalty to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, and a Copy of the Proceedings of a Council he held with the *Indians* at *Coneſtogoe* the Sixth and Seventh of this inſtant *April*; which were read, and conſidered.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſires he would pleaſe to lay before them an Account of the Proceedings of the two Counſellors ſent to *Coneſtogoe* about the Apprehending and Securing *John* and *Edmund Cartlidge*, on Suſpicion of killing an *Indian*, and what is farther done ſince in that Affair: Who returned, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, He thought it would have been better when the Meſſenger returns from the *Five Nations* to lay the Account of that Affair entire before the Aſſembly; but ſince they deſired it, he would lay it before them now.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy, *&c.* were read, and all agreed to except theſe; for lowering the Duty to *Two-pence per* Gallon; for impowering the Collector to make Deputies; and for laying double Duty on Goods imported not directly from the Place of Growth.

The Governor ſent to the Houſe the Report of *James Logan* and Colonel *John French*, on their executing the Commiſſion granted them to enquire into the Cauſe of the Death of an *Indian* above *Coneſtogoe*, ſuppoſed to be kill'd by *John* or *Edmund Cartlidge*; which was read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *2d Mo.* 27.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Report of the Commiſſioners ſent to *Coneſtogoe*, on the Buſineſs of the *Cartlidges*; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent therein,

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Francis Rawle*, draw an Addreſs to the Governor on that Affair.

The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the ſupplementary Act to the Act for County Levies, were read, and conſidered; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſame be conceded to? *Paſſed in the Negative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes* imported, were read, and conſidered; and this Houſe cannot agree to the Amendment impowering the Collector to make a Deputy, eſpecially in this County.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for encouraging the Making of good Beer, *&c.* were read; and the Queſtion was put, that the Amendment propoſed for allowing the Diſtillation of Melaſſes be conceded to? *Paſſed in the Negative*; alſo the other Amendment about licencing Publick-houſes is not allowed, but agreed to ſtand as in the Bill.

1722. *Anthony Morris*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for Encouragement of raiſing Hemp in this Province, and making the ſame current Pay*; which
2d Mo. 27. was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill for ſettling and erecting a Ferry at *Thomas Yardley*'s, in the County of *Bucks*, over *Delaware*, was laid before the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River* Schuylkill, *in the* High-ſtreet *of the City of Philadelphia*, was laid before the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill for regulating the Gauging of Caſks within this Province, was laid before the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable were read, and debated; and ſuch as were agreed to, were inſerted in the Bill.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in, to lay a Duty on ſuch Servants as ſhall be imported into this Province that are ſuſpected, or can be made appear to be Convicts, or tranſported out of Priſon in *Europe*.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *2d Mo.* 28. The Houſe met, &c.

Iſaac Taylor, and *Samuel Carpenter*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Rates of Money within this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to aſcertain the Manner of impannelling the Jury upon Trials of Perſons, reſiding in this Province, for Crimes by them committed in any Part or Place not within the ſettled or known Bounds of any County or Precinct thereof.

Ordered, That a Bill be brought in accordingly.

Robert Jones, and *Francis Rawle*, according to Order, laid before the Houſe an Addreſs to the Governor, which was read; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe, *Nemine Contradicente*, and is as follows.

To the Honourable Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY, this 28th Day of *April*, 1722.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs. *AS hitherto we have been under the happy Influence of the Governor's prudent Conduct and ſteady Adminiſtration of Juſtice, ſo this Houſe ſhall always think themſelves under the ſtrongeſt Ties of Duty and Gratitude to acknowledge the ſame; but at no Time more ſuitable than on an Occaſion of the greateſt Importance to the Peace and Safety of this, and the other Parts of his Government.*

The impowering two Gentlemen of his Council, ſo able and prudent, in an Emergency of ſuch Importance, whoſe wiſe Conduct therein is very conſpicuous from their Report; which, at the Requeſt of this Houſe, the Governor has been pleaſed to communicate to us, is ſatisfactory. The diſmal Circumſtances related therein, at once filled us with Horror and Surprize. Horror, to think, that after a long Continuance of the Peace firſt ſettled by the Honourable Proprietary, William Penn, *with the* Indians, *any Breach thereof ſhould be made by thoſe that bear the Name of Chriſtians, to the Reproach of that worthy Name, and Danger of the preſent and future Safety and Peace of the People of this Province, and other the King's Subjects on the Main of* America.

May it therefore pleaſe the Governor, that as he has exerted himſelf in the Manner aforeſaid on this Occaſion, he will perſiſt in his juſt Reſolutions, to bring the Aggreſſors to condign Puniſhment, with as much Speed as the Laws will admit; leſt, by a Delay of Juſtice, the Indians, *by the Subtilty of ill-minded People, may be prevailed on to withdraw their Allegiance to the Crown of* Great-Britain, *and Affection to this Government, and, on the leaſt Occaſion, be provoked to do themſelves Juſtice in ſuch Ways as may be of moſt dangerous Conſequence.*

As it is very acceptable to this Houſe, that on all Opportunities the Governor's Care is to maintain a good and perfect Underſtanding with the Indians, *we requeſt the Governor to adviſe with his Council in making Treaties with them; for as they are ſome of the principal Inhabitants of this Government, we have no Reaſon to doubt but they will be concerned for the Good of the ſame.*

We alſo beg Leave to obſerve to the Governor, that as the maintaining the League and Friendſhip firſt made by our worthy Proprietary, is a Thing of the greateſt Importance that can lie before us, ſo we are very unanimous in our Opinions, that the bringing of Perſons ſuſpected, if guilty, to condign Puniſhment, will be the ſafeſt Way for preſerving the Publick Peace, and renewing the ſaid former League and Friendſhip.

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In order thereunto we are humbly of Opinion, that it is proper an Inquiſition be made by ſome intelligible Men, at leaſt to ſee if the Body has received the Wounds the Report mentions; and that the Engliſh *Evidences may be ſecured to give their Evidence, or otherwiſe, as the Caſe may require, in order to act according to the Laws of the Land; for as Juſtice is the beſt Foundation of Friendſhip, whilſt the People of* Pennſylvania *are apprehenſive that the* Indians *have not Juſtice done them to their Satisfaction, their Fears will ever be alarmed from the vindictive Temper of that People; many ſad Inſtances whereof are freſh in Memory from the Calamities of our neighbouring Colonies, both to the Southward and Northward, long languiſhed under, whilſt, by the Bleſſing and Mercy of God, we enjoy'd Quiet and Peace; which, next to the divine Providence, may be imputed to the ſtrict Obſervance of Friendſhip and Juſtice with the* Indians.

We obſerve to the Governor, that the Fact as there reported, is very barbarous, and it is likely may be credited by the Indians, *whatever Weight it may have elſewhere: Therefore we humbly beg of the Governor, that he will, with the Advice of his Council, take ſuch legal Meaſures, in Proſecution of this melancholy Affair, as may give the Natives no juſt Cauſe of Offence, or the good People of this Province Umbrage of any Lenity or Indulgence on any Account whatſoever. What Opinion ſome Men may have of their own Courage and Ability, and Number of our Inhabitants, and how inconſiderable the Natives are, yet there is Juſtice due to them: And we are of Opinion, that it is the beſt Meaſure that can be taken which has been begun by our late Proprietary, and we have happily had the Advantage of it hitherto. Alſo, we requeſt the Governor and Council, not to ſuffer any Perſons to ſettle or ſurvey any Lands where they are not purchaſed of the* Indians, *or where they are not ſatisfied concerning the ſame.*

The reading of that melancholy Report leads us naturally to conſider a Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants, preſented to this Houſe at this preſent Sitting, in relation to the Maintaining a good Underſtanding with the Indians, *and to prevent effectually the Selling or Carrying any Rum or other ſtrong Liquors amongſt them.*

And we beg Leave to obſerve to the Governor, that notwithſtanding the good Laws, that have been made from time to time, to forbid ſelling Liquors to them, and the repeated Requeſts of the Indians *it ſhould not be carried amongſt them, it has not that Effect which the Generality of the ſober Inhabitants and good People deſired; but ſome Perſons, regarding their own private Intereſt, as we have Reaſon to believe, have been too long in that Practice, to the great Grief and Trouble of the good People of this Province; which Practice, in our Opinion, hath hazarded the Peace and Tranquility thereof: Therefore, we requeſt the Governor and his Council will be pleaſed to aſſiſt and adviſe us, how to fall upon ſuch Meaſures as may effectually prevent the ſaid Practice for the future; for, in our Opinion, it is a miſchievous Thing, and of a very evil Tendency.*

We humbly deſire the Governor will put a favourable Conſtruction on our plain and homely Addreſs, being under a great Concern for the Peace and Security of the Inhabitants, and do aſſure the Governor, we ſhall not be wanting in any Part of our Duty.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, ſign'd by the Speaker, and preſented to the Governor by *Benjamin Vining* and *Anthony Morris*; and then the Houſe adjourned till the thirtieth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 30.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for ſettling a Ferry at *Thomas Yardley*'s Landing, in the County of *Bucks*, over *Delaware*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *Robert Jones* and *Anthony Morris*.

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The Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River *Schuylkill*, in the *High-ſtreet* of the City of *Philadelphia*, was read the ſecond Time, and agreed that a Clauſe be added to oblige the Corporation to erect and maintain the ſaid Ferry free of Charge to the Inhabitants of the City; and that a Ferry-houſe be built on the Weſt-ſide of *Schuylkill*; and then the ſaid Bill was committed to *Robert Jones* and *Anthony Morris*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, in Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe of the 28th of *April* laſt; which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage, in Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'I HAVE carefully conſidered your Addreſs of the Twenty-eighth Inſtant, and heartily thank you for the great Satisfaction you are therein pleaſed to expreſs with my prudent and ſteady Adminiſtration.

'It doubtleſs appears to you, as it muſt to every one elſe who has impartially conſidered my Tranſactions with the *Indians*, that I have carefully endeavoured to follow the late Honourable Proprietary's Steps in ſuch Affairs, to keep the Natives always in a lively and perfect Remembrance of his Love to them, and to build all our Treaties of Peace with them upon the ſame Principles and Maxims of good Policy which he uſed and maintained when he was here himſelf.

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'I can truly ſay, that no Man, before me, in the ſame Station, has ever ſhewed a greater Regard for the Members of Council, than I have always done to every one of the Gentlemen who now ſerve at that Board; and it having particularly been my conſtant Practice to aſk their Advice in Matters of Importance, but eſpecially on *Indian* Treaties, when it could poſſibly be had; I do not well know how to underſtand rightly the Advice you give me in that Point, unleſs you mean that I am to depart both from my own and your Senſe of Things, whenſoever any of thoſe Gentlemen think fit to differ in their Sentiments from us; as ſome of them particularly do, at this Time, contrary to what you have, with great Juſtice, ſo warmly recommended in your Addreſs, *viz.* Not to ſuffer any Perſons to ſettle or ſurvey any Lands where they are not purchaſed of the *Indians*, or where they are not ſatisfied concerning the ſame.

'I hope the Gentlemen of your Houſe will conſider, that after five Years Service, ſo much to the Satisfaction of every Aſſembly, it cannot now be juſtly thought that I am a Stranger either to the People, or to the Publick Affairs of this Province. It may alſo be obſerved, that I have my whole Family ſettled here, and ſome Share of private Intereſt at Stake, as well as others. And, upon the whole, if my Actions in the Publick Service are but ſo favourably conſtrued, as to merit and effectually procure the Continuance of the Peoples Confidence in my Conduct, I can aſſure you, that I have at this Time all the Probability, which the Nature of the Caſe will admit of, for ſettling Matters again with the *Indian* Nations upon that juſt, firm and friendly Foundation, which you ſo earneſtly deſire and recommend to me.

'You will find, upon your Journals, that I have complained to former Aſſemblies, that the Laws in being were not found ſufficient to reſtrain People from carrying too great Quantities of Rum amongſt the *Indians*, to debauch and cheat them; nor to enable me to perform many Things, which, by the Council's Advice, I had promiſed in my Treaties with them. And I am of Opinion with you, that ſome People, regarding their own private Gain more than any publick Good, unwarily purſue, or at leaſt connive at, a Practice which manifeſtly endangers the Peace and Tranquility of this Province. But I deſire you will ſend me that Petition, which you ſay is preſented to you from the Country, with your Proceedings upon it, and I will heartily concur to aſſiſt you in every Thing that can be propoſed for rectifying ſo great an Abuſe, and for quieting the Minds of the good People whom you repreſent.'

April 30, 1722. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

An Act for the Trial of Felonies committed in thoſe Parts of *Pennſylvania* not yet erected into particular Counties, was, according to Order, laid before the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act for impoſing a Duty on Perſons convicted of heinous Crimes, and imported into this Province as Servants; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, ſetting forth the Miſchiefs that happen or may accrue to this Province by ſelling of Rum to the *Indians*, and other indirect Practices of the *Indian* Traders, in their Dealings with them, and praying ſome certain Places may be appointed for the *Indians* to bring in their Commodities and deal at, or ſome other Remedy for the ſaid Aggrievance, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered; and agreed, that an Addreſs be ſent to the Governor, to deſire his Anſwer to that Part of their Addreſs of the Twenty-eighth of *April* laſt, which propoſes the Securing the *Engliſh* Evidences againſt the *Cartlidges*, and that ſome Perſons be ſent to view the dead Body of the *Indian*; which being drawn, and preſented to the Houſe, was read, and agreed to, and ordered to be ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows.

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the ASSEMBLY, this 1ſt Day of *May*, 1722.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs.

THE Houſe has taken into Conſideration the Governor's Anſwer to the Addreſs of this Houſe of the Twenty-eighth of April *laſt, and don't find the Governor has made any Anſwer to the Requeſt of this Houſe, in relation to the Securing the* Engliſh *Evidences againſt* John *and* Edmund Cartlidge; *nor whether the Governor thinks it proper to ſearch the Corps of the* Indian *ſuppoſed to be killed by the ſaid* Cartlidges. *If the Governor has not fully conſidered thoſe two Heads, this Houſe humbly requeſts that the Governor will be pleaſed further to conſider the ſame, and let this Houſe know his Mind thereon; alſo what further Meaſures the Governor intends to take in the legal Proſecution of that important Affair.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe, by

JEREMIAH LANGHORNE, Speaker.

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Petition from *Cheſter*, about dealing with the *Indians*, be ſent to the Governor, as he requeſts.

The Houſe having drawn up their Objections to ſuch of the Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Impoſt Bill; the Bill for laying a Duty on *Negroes*; the Bill for encouraging the Making good Beer, *&c.* and the Supplement to the County Levy Act, as they could not agree to; and,

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *John Sotcher*, and *Joſhua Carpenter*, wait upon the Governor with the Addreſs; and that they carry to the Governor the Bills for the Impoſt; laying a Duty upon *Negroes*; encouraging the Making of good Beer, *&c.* and the Supplement to the County Levy Act; with the Reaſons of the Houſe againſt his propoſed Amendments to thoſe Bills: Alſo that they deliver him the Petition from *Cheſter* County about the *Indians*, which they are to deſire the Governor to return to the Houſe again; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'WHEN it was ſome Weeks ago conſidered in Council, whether it would be neceſſary or uſeful to ſend a Coroner, with a Jury of Chriſtians, about two hundred Miles from hence into the Woods, to ſit upon the Corps of a dead *Indian*, that had then lain two Months in the Ground? The Council were of Opinion, that it was impracticable to perſwade Men of Integrity to undertake an Errand, which, if it could be done, muſt be attended with a very great Expence, to very little or no Purpoſe.

'As to the other Part of your Addreſs, after I am, with the Council, informed of the *Seneca's* Anſwer to our Meſſage, from which only we can clearly judge how to give full and intire Satisfaction to the injured Party, the neceſſary Orders will then be iſſued, in due Form, from the proper Officers, for ſecuring ſuch Evidences as can be found, and are yet wanting, in order to a legal and fair Trial, but not before; and therefore I expect that, until then, you will not give yourſelves or me any further Trouble about that Matter.'

May 1, 1722. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Bill for regulating the Gauging of Caſks in this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp, and making the ſame current Pay, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of Money within this Province, was read the ſecond Time; and the Queſtion being put, that the Rates of Money be, Gold *Six Shillings per* Pennyweight, or *Three-pence per* Grain; an *Engliſh* Crown *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, and other *Engliſh* Money proportionable, and Lion or Dog Dollars *Five Shillings* each? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over *Schuylkill*, at the End of *High-ſtreet*, was read the third Time, and recommitted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 2.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor returned to the Houſe the four Bills laſt ſent him, with his Anſwer, in Writing, to the Aſſembly's Objections againſt his Propoſals of Amendment to thoſe Bills, ſignifying his Pleaſure to agree with the Aſſembly's Objections to his Amendments to the Impoſt and *Negroe* Bills; but that he adhered to his Amendments to the Supplement to the County Levy Act and the Beer Act.

The Bill for impoſing a Duty on Perſons convicted of heinous Crimes, and imported into this Province as Servants, or otherwiſe, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſeveral Amendments were agreed to be made to the Bill, the ſame was committed.

The Bill for Trial of Felonies committed in thoſe Parts of *Pennſylvania* not yet erected into any particular County, was read the ſecond Time; and ſeveral Amendments being agreed to be made thereto, the ſame was committed.

The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Bill for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, *&c.* were read, conſidered, and agreed to by the Houſe: And alſo,

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to allow the Publick Houſe-keepers to ſell a Gallon of Wine, and a Quart of Rum, or any larger Quantity of either, without Doors, Duty-free; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for Encouragement of raiſing Hemp in this Province, and making the ſame current Pay, was read the third Time; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

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The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Society Bill were read; and, after ſome Debate, agreed to by the Houſe.

The Bill for impoſing a Duty on Perſons convicted of heinous Crimes imported into this Province, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Bill do paſs.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for prohibiting the Exportation of Flour not merchantable, were again conſidered; and the Queſtion put, that this Houſe do concede thereto? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *John Sotcher*, and *Morris Morris*, carry the Bill for laying a Duty upon Convicts imported to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion was made, that the Bill for the Trial of Felonies, committed in thoſe Parts of the Province not yet erected into any particular County, be read the third Time; and, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the Chief Juſtice be ſent for, to adviſe this Houſe in ſuch Matters as they ſhall think fit to communicate to him.

Ordered, That a Meſſage be ſent to the Chief Juſtice, ſigned by the Speaker, to acquaint him therewith, which was done.

The Governor's Anſwer to the Objections of the Aſſembly, againſt his Propoſals of Amendment to the Supplement to the County Levy Act, and the Bill for Encouragement of making good Beer, *&c.* were read and conſidered; and the Queſtion was put, that the Governor's Propoſal of Amendment, againſt prohibiting Melaſſes to be diſtilled, be agreed to? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That this Houſe cannot agree to that Amendment of the Governor, againſt the Method laid down in the ſaid Bill for licencing Publick-houſes.

The Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do agree to the Governor's Amendment to the Supplement to the County Levy Act? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that inſtead of the Governor's Propoſal of Amendment to the Supplement to the County Levy Act, one Commmiſſioner go out, and another be choſen yearly, as formerly propoſed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and return to him the Supplement to the County Levy Act; the Bill for encouraging the Making good Beer, *&c.* and the Flour Act, with what Concluſions the Houſe is come to thereon; and alſo that they deliver the Bill for Encouragement of raiſing Hemp, *&c.* to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 4. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion was made, that a Bill be brought in to regulate the *Indian* Trade, and the Practice of the Traders: And after the ſaid Motion was conſidered, and ſeveral Heads agreed to upon which to form a Bill for that Purpoſe,

Reſolved, That a Bill be brought in accordingly for regulating the *Indian* Trade, *&c.* and that *Robert Jones*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, do prepare and bring in the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for ſettling a Ferry over *Delaware*, at *Thomas Yardley*'s, in the County of *Bucks*, was read the third Time; and, after ſome Amendment, agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over *Schuylkill*, at the End of *High-ſtreet*, was read the third Time, with the Clauſe ordered to be added thereto, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Joſhua Carpenter*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Return of the Meſſenger ſent to the *Five Nations* of *Indians*, ſtill more and more encreaſes the Concern and Uneaſineſs this Houſe is under, touching the preſent Affair of the *Indians*; and therefore cannot forbear once more to repeat their Requeſt of the Twenty-eighth of *April* laſt, and deſire the Governor will forthwith cauſe the *Cartlidges* to be kept in cloſe Cuſtody, and the *Engliſh* Evidence to be ſecured, in Order to the Trial; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 5. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones, and the other Members appointed to wait upon the Governor, report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; who was pleaſed to anſwer, he was ſorry he had ſent any Thing to the Aſſembly which was not ſatisfactory: And as to the *Cartlidges*, he

he had delivered them up to the Law, and that their Mittimus was making, and would be diſpatched ſpeedily. 1722. 3d Mo. 5.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait upon the Governor, and deliver to him the Bills for ſettling the Ferry at *Thomas Yardley*'s, in *Bucks* County, over *Delaware* to *New-Jerſey*; and the Bill for ſettling the Ferry over *Schuylkill*, at the End of *High-ſtreet*, for his Concurrence; and that they deſire the Governor's Anſwer to the Proviſo laid before him, to be added to the Exciſe Act; alſo that he will concede to the Adding an appropriating Clauſe to the End of the ſaid Bill; and that they carry the Bill for laying a Duty on Convicts imported, to be examined by ſuch as the Governor ſhall appoint.

The Bill for the Trial of Felonies committed out of the known Bounds of any of the Counties of this Province, with the Amendments, were read; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Anthony Morris and *Samuel Carpenter* returned, and report, they delivered the Bills, and their Meſſage, to the Governor, according to Order; and that they had examined the Bill for laying a Duty on Convicts with ſome of the Council appointed by the Council; and that the Governor would ſend the Houſe Notice when he would be attended by them, in order to paſs it into a Law.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, and the Houſe forthwith, at his own Houſe: And thereupon the Speaker, and the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor with the ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for impoſing a Duty on Perſons convicted of heinous Crimes, and imported into this Province, or otherwiſe*, which he had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and paſs the ſame into a Law; and

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, go with ſome of the Council to the Rolls Office, to ſee the Great Seal of the ſaid Province affixed to the ſaid Law; and alſo, that the Governor had deſired the Houſe to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Affair of the *Indians*, and the Bills now lying before him for his Approbation.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Morris Morris*, wait upon the Governor, and deliver him the Bill for Trial of Felonies committed in the Out-parts of the Province for his Approbation; and acquaint him, that this Houſe agree to his Propoſals of appointing a Committee at their next Meeting; and that they have reſolved to adjourn till the Eighth Inſtant, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon: Who returned, that they delivered the Bill to the Governor, and that he approved of the Time of Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Eighth Inſtant, at Two a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 8. *Poſt Meridiem.*

John Swift and *Nathaniel Newlin* report, that they went to the Rolls-Office, and ſaw the Great Seal of the Province affixed to the Law againſt Importation of Convicts; and alſo, that they went forthwith and heard the ſame publiſhed.

The Houſe, according to Order, went upon appointing a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council on the Affair of the *Indians*, and the Bills now lying before the Governor, and

Reſolved, That the Speaker, *Robert Jones*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *William Biles*, *Joſhua Carpenter*, *Francis Rawle*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*, be a Committee to attend the ſaid Conference; and

Ordered, That they meddle not with the Allowance or Computation of any Charge that may attend the Buſineſs with the *Indians*; but that, if the Governor thinks fit to lay any Thing before this Houſe of that Kind, they will conſider thereof.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Swift*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe have appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, as he deſired, who are ready to attend the ſaid Conference when and where the Governor will pleaſe to appoint: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor deſires the Committee to attend the Conference at the Houſe of *James Logan* in Half an Hour.

The Committee appointed went to the Conference; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 9.

The Governor returned to the Houſe the Exciſe Bill, the Bill for encouraging the Making good Beer, *&c.* the Supplement to the County Levy Act; and the Bill for preventing the Exportation of Flour not merchantable; with ſome Propoſals of Amendment: And the Amendments to the Exciſe Bill were read, and agreed to.

The Speaker reported the Conference Yeſterday with the Committee of Council; and, after ſome Time ſpent in the Conſideration of the ſaid Report, the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

A written Meſſage from the Governor was read, and is as follows.

3*d Mo.* 9. *Poſt Meridiem.* Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker; and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly;

'AFTER I had received the Anſwer of the *Five Nations* to our Meſſage from *Conestogoe*, I did, with a due Regard to the Publick Juſtice of this Government, and to what you had recommended to me from your Houſe, give the neceſſary and proper Orders, by Advice of the Council, for committing and proſecuting *John* and *Edmund Cartlidge*, according to the common Courſe of the Laws; but ſtill I find, that all our juſt Expectations, in the Iſſue of that Affair, as well as in accommodating Matters with the *Indians* to Content, are in Danger of being fruſtrated, if ſome Proviſion is not forthwith made by the Aſſembly for defraying the Charge and Expence that muſt neceſſarily attend the Putting our Deliberations and Reſolutions in Council into Practice.

'I muſt therefore deſire that your Houſe will take the following Particulars into your Conſideration, and to acquaint me with your Reſolutions thereupon as ſoon as may be.

'1. That before the Governor can promiſe to meet the *Sachims* of the *Five Nations* at *Albany* this Summer, as it ſeems they expect, it is neceſſary that the Aſſembly come to a Reſolution to ſupport the Charge of that Journey, and of the Preſents that muſt be there made to the *Indians*, upon renewing all our former Treaties of Friendſhip with them.

'2. That the Houſe will pleaſe immediately to iſſue an Order upon the Provincial Treaſurer, to pay, in Courſe, what the Governor and Council think proper to be given to the *Indians* at their Departure, and to confirm what the Governor has now to ſay to the *Sachims* of the *Five Nations* by the Return of the ſame Meſſenger.

'3. That good and creditable Men may be readily prevailed with to accept of the Vacancies which are now in the Commiſſion of the Supream Court, the Aſſembly will pleaſe to declare whether they will make any Allowance, by way of Salary, to the other Judges, as well as to the Chief Juſtice, and how much may be expected for that Service.'

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The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Bill for encouraging the Making good Beer; and the Supplement to the County Levy Act, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

John Swift laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for ſettling a Ferry at* Soleberry, *in* Bucks *County*, *over* Delaware to *New-Jerſey*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating the Gauging of Caſks in this Province*; was read the third Time, with the Amendment, and agreed to by the Houſe.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'I HAVE conſidered the Petition preſented to your Houſe, from a great many ſubſtantial and creditable Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, in Behalf of themſelves and others; and I am of Opinion that their Requeſt is rational, and well grounded upon Matters of Fact; and therefore juſtly deſerves to be conſidered by your Houſe, as a Buſineſs of great Importance towards ſecuring the future Peace of this Colony.

'I cannot but obſerve in the ſaid Petition, that the People judge rightly and truly when they ſay, That the *Indians* depend wholly upon me in all Matters of Treaty with them: Wherefore it is neceſſary, that I be impowered by Law to give them reaſonable and juſt Satisfaction. And for my Part, I am very ready and willing to concur with you in anſwering the modeſt Requeſt and Prayer of the Petitioners.'

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Adjournment.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3*d Mo.* 10.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Meſſages Yeſterday to this Houſe were again read, and conſidered; and agreed that *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor, to acquaint him, that this Houſe have conſidered his two laſt Meſſages, and deſire a Committee of the Council may be appointed to confer with a Committee of this Houſe on the Subject Matter thereof; and that the Judges be deſired to be preſent at the ſaid Conference; and alſo, that they deliver the Bill for regulating the Gauging of Caſks to the Governor for his Concurrence: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, He would appoint a Committee of the Council to meet a Committee of the Aſſembly, at the Court-

Court-houſe, very ſpeedily; and that one of the Judges, being of the Council, would be preſent; and they might ſend for the Chief Juſtice if they ſee Cauſe. 1722.

The Bill for ſettling a Ferry at *Thomas Yardley's*, in *Bucks* County, over *Delaware*, to *New-Jerſey*, was read the third Time. Adjournment. 3d *Mo.* 10.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp in this Province were read, and conſidered; and the Queſtion was put, that Hemp ſhall paſs and be taken as current Pay as in the Bill? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that the Bounty be ſtill allowed on Hemp, and the Bill amended accordingly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration what ſhould be the Subject Matter of the propoſed Conference with the Committee of the Council, and agreed that the ſame ſhall be,

1. That the *Cartlidges* be actually delivered up to the Law; and that the Governor be deſired not to interpoſe in this Affair by any Means or Ways whatſoever.

2. Whether the Method propoſed by the Governor for treating with the *Five Nations* of *Indians*, and the Place appointed, be the moſt ſuitable to the Circumſtances, and for the Service and Good of this Province?

3. What Sum they may judge will be neceſſary to defray the Charge of that Negotiation.

The Governor, by his Secretary, acquainted the Houſe, that the Members of Council were ready for the Conference.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *William Biles*, *Anthony Morris*, *Morris Morris*, *Iſrael Taylor*, and *Benjamin Vining*, be a Committee to attend the ſaid Conference; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed to attend the Conference report, that they had attended the ſame accordingly; and

Firſt, They delivered to the Houſe the Governor's Letter to the Judges, delivering the *Cartlidges* to be proſecuted by the Attorney-General as the Law directs; and the Governor's Inſtructions to the Gentlemen of the Committee of Council, appointed to attend the Conference, to the ſame Purpoſe.

Secondly, That the Council unanimouſly agree, that *Albany* is the fitteſt Place for meeting the *Sachims*, or Chiefs of the *Five Nations*.

Thirdly, The Committee of Council reckon, that for the Supply of the preſent Neceſſities of the *Coneſtogoe Indians*; to pay the Meſſenger that went from *Coneſtogoe* to the *Five Nations*, by Order of *James Logan* and Colonel *French*; for the Charge of maintaining the *Indians*, now in Town, upon this Occaſion, and the Interpreters at the Return of the Meſſenger ſent to the *Five Nations*, to *Philadelphia*; and the Preſents now ſent to the *Five Nations* by this Meſſenger: For all theſe Services there will be wanting the Sum of *Fifty Pounds*.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* be paid out of the Treaſury to *James Logan* for the ſaid Services; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 3d *Mo.* 11.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and for preventing the Selling Rum, Brandy, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*, within this Province, was laid before the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to be read again.

The Bill for erecting a Ferry at *Soleberry*, in *Bucks* County, was read the ſecond Time, and committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of ſundry Sorts of Coin paſſing in this Province was read the third Time, with the Amendments; and the Queſtion being put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and for preventing the Selling of Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire him to ſend his Anſwer to the Bills, for regulating gauging of Caſks, *&c.* and for the Trial of Felonies committed in the Out-parts of this Province: Who returned, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay; As to the Bill for Trial of Felonies, committed in the Out-Parts of this Province, he could not, nor would, go any farther in that Affair than the Statute, which he would ſend to the Houſe To-morrow Morning along with the gauging Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 3d *Mo.* 12.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and for preventing the Selling of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*, with the Amendments, was read the third Time; and ſome Amendments were made to the Bill.

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Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Benjamin Vining*, do carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that they delivered the Bill to the Governor, according to Order.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 12.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp were conſidered; and, after ſome Alterations made to the ſaid Bill,

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, carry the ſame to the Governor.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bill for Trial of Felonies committed in the Out-parts of this Province, with ſome Minutes of Council upon it; and the Bill for regulating gauging of Caſks, with his Propoſals of Amendment; which Amendments being read, were agreed to by the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſires he would pleaſe to appoint ſome Members of Council to examine the ingroſſed Bills: Who returned, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would appoint ſome of his Council to attend that Service forthwith.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, attend the Members of Council to examine the ingroſſed Bills.

The Members appointed report, that they, and the Members of Council, had examined the ingroſſed Bills according to Order.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ſix ingroſſed Bills (now examined) in the Houſe; which was done accordingly: And then the Speaker and the Houſe went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that they had attended the Governor, and that he had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, and to paſs them into Laws, *viz.*

An Act for laying a Duty on Wine, Rum, Brandy and Spirits, Melaſſes, Cyder, Hops and Flax, imported, landed, or brought into this Province.

An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes *imported into this Province.*

An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province.

An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable.

An Act for encouraging the Making good Beer, and for the Conſumption of Grain in this Province.

A Supplementary Act to the Act for more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies.

And That *John Swift*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, was ordered to go with two of the Council to the Rolls-Office, to ſee the Great Seal of this Province affixed to the ſaid Laws; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fifteenth Inſtant.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 15.

The Houſe met, &c.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire him to conſider thoſe Bills lying before him; and that they go to the Secretary for the Ordinance for holding Courts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 16.

The Houſe met, &c.

Robert Jones and *Iſaac Taylor* report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that they attended the Secretary for the Ordinance for holding Courts, who told them, he thought it was at the Rolls-Office.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, &c. which he propoſed inſtead of that ſent to him from this Houſe for that Purpoſe; and alſo the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp, with ſome Propoſals of Amendment.

The Bill propoſed by the Governor for regulating the *Indian* Trade, &c. was read, and conſidered; and

Reſolved, That all *Indian* Traders ſhall firſt, in the open Seſſion of the Peace, give Security for their complying with the Laws of this Province for regulating the *Indian* Trade; and then be recommended to the Governor by the Juſtices to be licenced; and that Rum be totally prohibited in Trade with the *Indians*.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, do amend the Bill prepared by this Houſe, according to the laſt Reſolve.

The Speaker laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Eſtabliſhing the ſeveral Courts of Judicature in this Province*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp in this Province, were read, and conſidered; and, after ſome Debate, ſome Alterations were made to the ſaid Bill, to anſwer the ſaid Amendments.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

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Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts now proceeed to examine the Publick Accounts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3d Mo. 16. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill for ſettling a Ferry at *Soleberry*, in the County of *Bucks*, was read the third Time.

3d Mo. 17.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Amendments ordered to be made to the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, &c. were read; and, after ſome Alterations, agreed to by the Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, carry the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, with the Amendment; the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp in this Province, as now amended; and the Bill for ſettling the Ferry at *Soleberry*, in *Bucks* County, to the Governor, for his Concurrence: Who returned and acquainted the Houſe, they delivered the Bills to the Governor, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of Judicature in this Province, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, and a Meſſage in Writing, ſignifying that the Governor had laid before the Houſe a Bill for that Purpoſe; and till he has the Mind of the Houſe on that Bill, he cannot receive any other under that Title.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Francis Rawle*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for eſtabliſhing Courts for his Concurrence, and acquaint him, this Houſe deſire he will paſs this Bill now ſent him for regulating the *Indian* Trade; they thinking it will better anſwer the End deſigned than his Propoſal: Who returned, that they delivered the Bills to the Governor, and that he was pleaſed to ſay, He could not receive this Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, till the Houſe had either propoſed Amendments, or given the Negative to the Bill he ſent them for that Purpoſe; and deſired to have the Aſſembly's Anſwer in Writing; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

3d. Mo. 18.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Bill ſent by the Governor, inſtead of the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade; and, after a conſiderable Time ſpent in the Debate thereof, made an Addreſs to the Governor, as follows.

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in ASSEMBLY met, this 18th Day of *May*, 1722.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs.

THE Houſe having, ſince the Governor's ſending to them his Propoſals of Amendment to the Bill for regulating the Indian *Trade, in the Form of a Bill, endeavoured to bring their ſaid Bill, as near as they could, to ſuch of the ſaid Amendments as could be brought to the Mind of the Houſe; but the Method of the Governor's laying down his Opinion, not being what is cuſtomary, by anſwering to the particular Paragraphs, which this Houſe takes to be the propereſt and eaſieſt Method to be underſtood, they think the ſaid Propoſals, as they now ſtand, will not anſwer the End deſigned; and particularly, the Liberty thereby given to carry Rum beyond the Inhabitants, to trade with the* Indians, *will, with ſome other Parts of the ſaid Amendments, we think, render the Law ineffectual; and therefore humbly requeſt the Governor will pleaſe to conſider the Bill, now again ſent him from this Houſe, for prohibiting the Selling of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, *and make his Propoſals of Amendment to the particular Parts thereof as uſual, or appoint a Conference, as he ſhall think fit.*

Ordered, That the Title of the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade be altered, and made, *A Bill for prohibiting the Selling of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, *and to prevent the Abuſes that may happen thereby.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait upon the Governor with the Addreſs and the ſaid Bill: Who returned, that they delivered the Addreſs to the Governor, and alſo offered to deliver him the Bill, which he refuſed to receive, and ſaid, He would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe in Writing very ſpeedily; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

Poſt Meridiem.

A written Meſſage from the Governor was read, and is as follows.

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1722. 3d Mo. 18. Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'YOU very well know, that the Bill for regulating the *Indian* Trade, which you laſt ſent up for my Conſideration, is not the ſame which you firſt of all ſent up, for it bears another Title, and is wrote upon a different Paper; wherefore I cannot receive it, until you have conſidered and amended, or rejected the Bill which before this you had received from me; and which you yourſelves gave Riſe to in your Addreſs of the Twenty-eighth *ult.* by acquainting me with the *Cheſter* Petition, and requeſting that I would adviſe and aſſiſt you how to fall on proper Meaſures for anſwering that End.

'If you think fit, Gentlemen, to appoint any Committee of your Houſe to confer with me on this Subject, I ſhall readily condeſcend to meet them at any Time you pleaſe to appoint; for I love Peace with all my Heart: And thoſe who will impartially examine and conſider every Part of my Conduct towards your Houſe, during the whole Courſe of this Aſſembly, moſt certainly will be convinced that I have taken indefatigable and true Pains to merit your particular Eſteem.'

May 18, 1722. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Governor alſo ſent ſome Amendments to the Bill for ſettling a Ferry at *Soleberry*.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill ſent by the Governor to this Houſe, intituled, *An Act for regulating the* Indian *Trade of this Province, and for enabling the Governor, for the Time being, to perform all that already has been, or may be thought convenient hereafter, to be ſtipulated with our own, or any other* Indian *Nations by Treaty*, and propoſed by him to be in the Room and Stead of the Bill ſent to the Governor for his Concurrence, intituled, *An Act prohibiting the Selling Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the* Indians, be further conſidered? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

The Governor's Amendments to the Bill for ſettling a Ferry at *Soleberry*, in *Bucks* County, were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Petition of *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *James Logan*, Commiſſioners of Property, praying a Proviſo may be added to the Society Bill, for the Truſtees giving Security for Payment of the Arears of Quitrents, and to take up the unlocated Lands, according to Regulation; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *William Biles*, *John Swift*, *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to confer with the Governor on the Bill for prohibiting the Selling Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*, &c. and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d *Mo.* 19.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee Yeſterday appointed to attend the Conference report, that they attended the ſame accordingly; and delivered to the Houſe an Amendment which the Governor propoſed to be made to the Bill for prohibiting the Selling Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*; and alſo a Propoſal of Amendment to the Gauging Bill.

The Governor's Amendment to the Bill for prohibiting the Selling of Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors, to the *Indians*, was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Proviſo propoſed to be added to the Society Bill, was read and conſidered; and ordered that Leave be given to the Perſons concerned, to adviſe with their Counſel about the ſaid Proviſo.

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned to the Houſe the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing Hemp, and the Bill for eſtabliſhing the ſeveral Courts of Judicature in this Province, with ſome Propoſals of Amendment to both the ſaid Bills; and alſo two Accounts of Charges on *Indian* Affairs.

The Amendments to the Bill for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp were read, and agreed to by the Houſe; and another Amendment was made to the Bill.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Amendment.

The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Bill for eſtabliſhing the Courts of Judicature in this Province were read, and conſidered; and, after ſome other Alterations made to the Bill,

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the ſame, as now amended, be laid before the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Alteration propoſed by the Governor to the Gauging Bill was read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

The Proviſo propoſed to be added to the Society Bill was read, and conſidered; and the Queſtion was put, that the ſame be added to the Bill accordingly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining* carry the Gauging Bill as now altered, and the Proviſo propoſed to be added to the Society Bill, to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the two Accounts, ſent to this Houſe by the Governor, of the Charge of *Indian* Affairs. 3d Mo. 21.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, go to the Secretary, *James Logan*, and deſire an Account of the two *Fifty Pounds* laſt allowed by the Aſſembly for *Indian* Treaties: Who returned, and report, the Secretary told them, He could not give any ſatisfactory Account of that Money, without the Treaſurer.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a written Meſſage, containing his Reaſons againſt, and poſitive Denial to paſs, the Society Bill, if the Proviſo, propoſed to be added to the ſaid Bill, be added thereto; and the ſaid Meſſage was read; alſo ſome farther Propoſals of Alteration to the Gauging Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Propoſals of Alteration to the Gauging Bill were read, and agreed to by the Houſe.

John Swift, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Rates of ſome particular Species of Coin paſſing in this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, attend a Committee of the Council, to examine the ingroſſed Bills with the Originals; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 22.

The Members appointed laſt Night to examine the ingroſſed Bills report, they attended a Committee of Council, and examined the ſame accordingly.

A Letter directed to the Houſe of Repreſentatives from the Commiſſioners of Property, was laid before the Houſe, and read, deſiring, That the Society Bill may not paſs without the Proviſo propoſed by them to be added to the ſaid Bill; and the Houſe taking into Conſideration the Governor's Meſſage to this Houſe Yeſterday, ſhewing, that he can by no Means paſs the ſaid Bill if the ſaid Proviſo be added; alſo, conſidering that the Houſe being now near to adjourn for ſome Time, and ſundry other Bills ingroſſed, examined, and ready to paſs into Laws; alſo the many and continued Objections that ariſe touching the ſaid Bill; and that there is not Time at preſent to perfect the ſame, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Bill for veſting the Society Lands, *&c.* in Truſtees, *&c.* be laid aſide for the preſent? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of ſome particular Species of Coin paſſing in this Province was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Treaſurer attended, and laid before the Houſe ſome Accounts of Monies diſburſed for *Indian* Treaties.

The Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of ſome particular Species of Coin paſſing in this Province was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and alſo the Gauging Bill as now altered, purſuant to his Propoſals of Amendment.

The Houſe took into Conſideration, what Sum ſhall be added to the *Five Hundred Pounds* already given to the Governor, for his Support; and, after ſome Debate, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Five Hundred Pounds* be given to Sir *William Keith*, Bart. Governor of this Province, for the remaining Part of his Support for this Year? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be paid out of the Provincial Treaſury to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice of this Province, as a Salary for his Service in that Station for this preſent Year.

John Swift and *Anthony Morris* report, that they waited on the Governor with the Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of ſome particular Species of Coin, and deſired his Concurrence thereto.

Reſolved, That the Sum of *Sixty Pounds* be paid out of the Publick Treaſury of this Province to *Andrew Hamilton*, Eſq; Attorney-General, for his Service in that Station for this preſent Year.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſire to know when he will pleaſe to be attended, to paſs the ingroſſed Bills into Laws; and alſo, that the Houſe have had under their Conſideration the Governor's Propoſals of a Journey to *Albany* in the Publick Service, and what Sum will be ſufficient to defray the Charge thereof: And therefore deſire he will pleaſe to let the Houſe know what Sum he thinks will be neceſſary for that Service. Who returned, and report, that the Governor was pleaſed to appoint Five in the Afternoon to paſs the Bills into Laws: and as to the other Part of their Meſſage, he would take the Direction of his Council about

1722. it, ſo as that the Charge to the Publick may be as ſmall as poſſible; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

3d Mo. 22. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned to the Houſe the Bill for aſcertaining the Rates of ſome particular Species of Coin paſſing in this Province, with his Propoſals of Amendment.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, to the Provincial Treaſurer, for Payment of the *Five Hundred Pounds* this Day voted to the Governor; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker deliver the ſame to the Governor.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the ingroſſed Bills, in order to be preſented to the Governor to be paſſed into Laws; which was done accordingly.

Then the Speaker and the Houſe went to wait upon the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that they had attended the Governor, and that he had been pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, and to paſs them into Laws, *viz.*

An Act for eſtabliſhing Courts of Judicature in this Province.

An Act to prohibit the Selling Rum, and other ſtrong Liquors to the Indians, *and to prevent Abuſes that may happen thereby.*

An Act for encouraging the Raiſing of Hemp in this Province.

An Act for ſettling a Ferry at Soleberry, *in* Bucks *County, over* Delaware, *to* New-Jerſey.

An Act to erect and eſtabliſh a Ferry on the Lands of Thomas Yardley, *of* Makefield *Townſhip, in* Bucks *County.* And

An Act for regulating the Gauging of Caſks in this Province.

And that *Nathaniel Newlin* and *John Swift* were appointed to go with two of the Council to the Rolls Office to ſee the Great-Seal affixed to the Laws; alſo that the Governor had made a Speech to his Houſe, of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read; and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. 'WHEN we reflect upon the Accidents and Difficulties that have occurred to us during this Aſſembly, and the candid friendly Intercourſe and Manner by which they have been at laſt happily compoſed, we muſt perceive, and be convinced, that not only the Form of civil Government, but even Juſtice itſelf, cannot be upheld and duly adminiſtered, without ſuch a Share of Humanity and Condeſcenſion as is neceſſary to beget a ſincere Confidence between me and the Repreſentatives of the People.

'Every juſt and good Man, before he undertakes any Office in Government, ought well to conſider the End and Deſign of that Truſt wherein he is to be employ'd; which he will conſtantly prefer to all other Views or appendent Advantages whatſoever.

'It being therefore the Purport and natural Tendency of all civil Government to promote the Proſperity, and to ſecure the Peace and Happineſs of the Governed; and we being convinced by right Reaſon, as well as inſtructed from Experience, that there is not any better Means can be propoſed for attaining this End, than by adhering ſteadily to the Execution of that Body of admirable Laws which have been compoſed, and ſo carefully tranſmitted to the brave and free People of *England*, by the Wiſdom of their Anceſtors.

'It follows, and ſo I hope we ſhall ever conclude, that the ſafeſt and moſt ſatisfactory Way, to promote and ſecure the Peace and Happineſs of the good People of *Pennſylvania*, will be to adminiſter impartial Juſtice, in all Caſes whatſoever, according to the known and eſtabliſhed Laws of the Land. And as this will be our beſt and ſureſt Defence againſt the Outrages of the Wicked, ſo this excellent plain Rule will, one Time or other, moſt certainly bring to Light, and overcome the hidden dark Projects and miſtaken Wiſdom of ill-deſigning Men, if there be any ſuch among us.

'Gentlemen, I heartily thank you for the Support you have given me this Year: And while I am conſcious to myſelf that I have, in all Things relating to the Duty of my preſent Station, faithfully ſerved the King, and at the ſame Time have omitted no Opportunity to maintain, eſtabliſh, and tranſmit to Poſterity, the juſt Liberties and Privileges of the free People whom you repreſent, I ſhall never doubt their chearful Inclinations and hearty Good-will to grant me, from time to time, an honourable and reaſonable Support.'

Adjournment. *3d Mo.* 23. And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration what Buſineſs yet remains before this Houſe, and what Time will be moſt ſuitable for an Adjournment; and thereupon the Queſtion was put, that this Houſe do adjourn till the Twenty-fourth Day of *September* next? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Charge attending the Proſecution and Trial of the Perſons ſuſpected to have kill'd an *Indian*, above *Coneſtogoe*, be paid out of

of the Publick Treaſury of this Province, as immediate Services of this Aſſembly; and that it be particularly recommended to the Judges, that all proper Meaſures may be taken, in order to a fair and legal Trial, with as much Speed as poſſible? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1722. 3d Mo. 23.

Ordered, That a Copy of this Minute be ſent to the Judges.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration what the Governor has laid before them of his taking a Journey to *Albany* this Summer, in order to treat with the *Five Nations*; alſo having deſired this Houſe to make Proviſion for defraying the Charge of his ſaid Journey, and the Expences of the Company he may take with him; and the Governor is deſired by the Houſe to take the Advice of his Council therein: And thereupon it is

Reſolved, That all the reaſonable and neceſſary Charges of the ſaid Journey ſhall be defray'd by Order of this Houſe, not exceeding *One Hundred Pounds*; and that the Council be deſired to appoint two of their own Number to accompany the Governor to *Albany*, to aſſiſt him in his Negotiations with the *Indians*.

Andrew Bradford was ſent for, and agreed with the Aſſembly for *Thirty Shillings per* Sheet to print the Laws, and to deliver fifty Books.

Ordered, That the Clerk prepare a Copy of the Laws for the Preſs.

The Houſe being informed, that the Governor deſigns to put *Robert Aſheton* into the Provincial Judges Commiſſion; and upon Conſideration of a Salary fit for the ſaid *Robert Aſheton*, the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Fifty Pounds* be paid out of the Publick Treaſury to the ſaid *Robert Aſheton*, for his Salary in that Station for a Year, if he accepts thereof? *Paſſed in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts, or ſome of them, ſettle the Collector and Treaſurer's Account of all the Publick Monies, ſo as to have them ready againſt the next Meeting of this Aſſembly; and that the Clerk attend them.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him with the Time of the Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned to the 24th Day of *September* next. Adjournment.

THE Governor having been pleaſed to iſſue his Summons for the Meeting of the Aſſembly this Day, the Houſe met accordingly, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared. *5th Mo.* 23.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met purſuant to his Summons; and then the Houſe adjourn'd till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *5th Mo.* 24.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Houſe, at the Court-houſe, forthwith: Whereupon the Speaker, with the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that they had attended the Governor, who had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe; of which he had obtained a Copy, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'I HAVE call'd you together at this Time to conſider, how I ſhall be enabled to proceed next Month on my Journey to *Albany*, according to the Promiſe, which, at your Requeſt, I made, in Anſwer to the *Five Nations*. And that you may have a juſt Notion, and full Apprehenſion of the preſent State of *Indian* Affairs, amongſt the neighbouring Governments, I have ordered ſome Letters and other Papers to be communicated to you.

'Moſt certainly, we can never hope for a more favourable Opportunity than now offers itſelf to us, for treating amicably with the *Five Nations*, and giving them the Satisfaction which they have plainly told us they expect: And, if your Sentiments agree with mine, I propoſe to carry along with me to *Albany*, ſome Members of Council, two Interpreters, and a ſuitable Attendance: For, as I expect no Profit or Gain, but barely to have the neceſſary and unavoidable Expences of this Journey defrayed, I muſt deſire, that the Provincial Treaſurer be impower'd immediately to advance whatſoever you judge will be ſufficient for that Service.

'Gentlemen, Since I have this Opportunity, I conceive it is my Duty to acquaint you, that the Funds you have laid this Year for the Support of Government, are like to prove altogether deficient; ſo that if ſome further Proviſion be not made now, and other Meaſures taken, your Draughts upon the Treaſury cannot be anſwered, and the Province will be brought under a conſiderable Burden of Debt; which, I hope, you will think yourſelves obliged in Duty to prevent.'

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The Governor alſo delivered to the Speaker ſundry Letters, and Copies of Letters, betwixt the Governors of *Virginia*, *New-York*, and himſelf, relating to Treaties with the *Indians*;

1722. *dians*; and alſo a Copy of a Treaty with the Chiefs of the *Five Nations*, in *Virginia*; All which were read.

5th Mo. 24. *Ordered*, That the Committee of Accounts make Enquiry, what is become of the Fines and Forfeitures that are or have been paid for the Support of Government.

Joſhua Carpenter, a Member of this Houſe, being deceaſed;

Reſolved, That this Houſe will attend his Corps to the Burial; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

5th Mo. 25. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Speech to this Houſe Yeſterday was again read; as alſo the Minutes of *May* the Twenty-ſecond and Twenty-third, touching the Expence of the Governor's Journey to *Albany*, to treat with the *Indians*.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that upon a Meſſage to the Governor the Twenty-ſecond of *May*, to deſire to know what Sum the Governor thought would be ſufficient to defray the Charge of his Journey to *Albany*; he was pleaſed to return, "That he would take the Direction of his Council about that Buſineſs, ſo as that the Charge to the Publick may be as ſmall as poſſible:" This Houſe now deſires he will pleaſe to inform them what Concluſion he and his Council are come to about that Charge, and for what particular Services; or that the Governor will pleaſe to appoint ſome Members of Council to confer with a Committee of this Houſe on that Head: Who returned, and report, they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would appoint ſome Members of Council at Four this Afternoon, to attend the propoſed Conference.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, call upon Judge *Hill*, and deſire him to inform this Houſe, what Preparations are made for the Trial of the *Cartlidges*; and if the Evidences be ſecured? And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Jones, and *Nathaniel Newlin* report, that they had ſpoke to Judge *Hill*, who informed them, that the Copy of the Minute he received from the Houſe, he ſent to the Chief Juſtice.

The Houſe being informed that ſome Members of Council were ready to attend the propoſed Conference,

Ordered, That the Speaker, *William Biles*, *Robert Jones*, *Benjamin Duffield*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to confer with the Council.

The Speaker reported, they had attended the Conference, according to Order; and that the Members of Council informed them, that the *Indian* Meſſenger, ſent with Preſents to the *Five Nations*, was returned to *Coneſtogoe*, and therefore it was thought fit to defer the Conſideration of the Charge of the Governor's Journey to *Albany* till that Meſſenger makes his Report here; and alſo, that the Members of Council, and they, unanimouſly agree, that, in order to a fair and legal Trial of the *Cartlidges*, it is abſolutely neceſſary that an Inqiſition be had on the Body of the *Indian*, ſuppoſed to be kill'd; and that the Judges, there preſent, offered to go with ſome Members of this Houſe to the Governor, to deſire a Commiſſion may be granted to ſome Perſon for that Purpoſe.

Whereupon *Robert Jones*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, *William Biles*, and *Anthony Morris*, were ordered to attend the Judges, to wait upon the Governor accordingly; and alſo to requeſt the Governor, that a Perſon be diſpatched immediately to fetch the *Indian* Meſſenger that is returned from the *Five Nations* to *Coneſtogoe*, hither; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

5th Mo. 26. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed Yeſterday to wait upon the Governor with the Judges, report, that they attended on the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, if the Aſſembly will name a Perſon, he will commiſſionate him; and that he will diſpatch a Meſſenger away immediately, as the Houſe deſires.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *William Biles*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe do recommend *Meirick Davies*, Coroner of this County, to be commiſſionated to go and view the Body of the *Indian* ſuppoſed to be kill'd: Who returned, and report, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, He would grant a Commiſſion to the ſaid *Meirick Davies* forthwith.

The Committee of Accounts report, that they had ſpoke with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, *&c.* and viewed his Accounts, and put him upon getting them ready to lay before this Houſe, which he promiſed to do this Morning; alſo, that they had attended the Chief Juſtice, who informed them, that by his Order *Joſhua Lawrence* had drawn a Liſt of the Fines and Forfeitures, and delivered it to the Under-ſheriff, *David Evans*, with a Precept to collect them.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons concerned in the Society Stock, ſetting forth, the Damage the Intereſt of the Society ſuffers by that Clauſe in the Society Bill, which gives the Refuſal

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of Purchaſe of all Lands of the ſaid Society already taken up by the Poſſeſſors thereof, and praying the Bill may be again conſidered and paſs; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table. 1722. *5th Mo.* 26.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Benjamin Vining*, acquaint the Treaſurer, that it is believed there will be Occaſion for at leaſt *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* to be advanced very ſpeedily, for defraying the Expence of the Governor's Journey to *Albany*, and treating with the *Indians*, &c. which Money he is requeſted to procure accordingly.

Ordered, That the Printing of the Votes of this Aſſembly be continued.

The Printer delivered to the Houſe the Number of Copies of the Laws agreed for; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Thirtieth Inſtant. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *5th Mo.* 30.

Francis Rawle and *Benjamin Vining* acquainted the Houſe, that they ſpoke to the Treaſurer about raiſing the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, as agreed the Twenty-ſixth Inſtant; who told them he would endeavour to comply therewith.

Ordered, That *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſire to know what Return is come from the *Five Nations*; and that if the Governor ſtill continues his Reſolutions of going to *Albany*, he will appoint a Committee of Council further to confer with ſome Members of this Houſe about providing for the Defraying the Charge thereof: Who returned, and report, they waited on the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to anſwer, That the Secretary would report the Return of the *Indian* Meſſenger to the Council To-morrow at Ten a Clock, and that then it ſhould be laid before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *5th Mo.* 31.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe the Report of *Satcheecho*, the *Indian* Meſſenger, that is returned from the *Five Nations*, in Writing, which was read, and is *verbatim* as follows.

At a Council held at *Philadelphia*, *July* the 30th, 1722.

PRESENT,

The Honourable Sir WILLIAM KEITH, Baronet, Governor,

Richard Hill, *Thomas Maſters*,
Samuel Preſton, *Andrew Hamilton*, Attorney-General,
Anthony Palmer, *William Aſheton*.
Robert Aſheton,
James Logan, Secretary.

Satcheecho, the Meſſenger, who, in the Beginning of laſt *May*, was ſent the ſecond Time to the *Five Nations*, being returned from thence, and accompanied to Town, from *Coneſtogoe*, with Captain *Civility*, *Tehanook*, and *Diohauſe*, the Governor appointed him a publick Audience; wherein, by the Interpretation of *Civility*, from the *Mingoe*, into the *Delaware Indian* Tongue, and of *Alice Kirk* (who was firſt ſworn to interpret truly) from that into *Engliſh*, he reported as follows.

THAT the People of the *Five Nations* wanted Proviſions ſo much, and were ſo buſily employed in looking out for Food, that the Chiefs had not Time to meet and open the Preſents ſent them by the Governor.

That he carried them altogether to the Houſe of the King, on the River, where this Meſſenger was born (*viz.* the *Cayoogoes*) where he left them; and when they have Leiſure from providing themſelves with Victuals, they will meet together and open them.

That theſe Preſents are all put together, with thoſe ſent by the Governor of *Virginia*, and the Golden Medal, ſent by the Governor, until our Governor, and the Governor of *Virginia*, come to *Albany*; to which Place they deſire the Governor and *James Logan* to come.

They were glad the Governor ſent them a Letter; for that was like two Tongues, and confirmed what the Governor ſaid to them.

The Great King of the *Five Nations* is ſorry for the Death of the *Indian* that was kill'd; for he was his own Fleſh and Blood: He believes the Governor is alſo ſorry; but now it is done, there is no Help for it: And he deſires that *John Cartlidge* may not be put to Death for it, nor that the Governor ſhould be angry, and ſpare him for ſome Time, but put him to Death afterwards: One Life is enough to be loſt; there ſhould not two die. The King's Heart is good to the Governor and all the *Engliſh*.

One ſtuck a Gentleman with a Knife at *Albany*; they were ſorry for it; but it was made up, and no Body was put to Death for it. So they deſire *John Cartlidge* may not die for this; they would not have him kill'd.

1722. 5th Mo. 31. *John Cartlidge* has been a long Time bound, and they desire he may be bound no longer. When the Governor comes to *Albany*, they will take him by the Hand, and their Hearts shall be joined as their Hands together. The Governors of *New-York*, of *Virginia*, and of *New-England*, are to be there. The *Indians* will all meet, and all will be made up when the Governor comes to *Albany*.

The Governor of *New-England* has sent them great Presents of Matchcoat, thirty Bundles of Goods, all tied up, and they are not yet opened. When the Governors come altogether to *Albany*, they will open and divide them.

The *Five Nations* will be glad to see the Governor. They have been busy getting Victuals, as Fish out of the Rivers, and Venison from the Woods; but now Squashes and Pompions are come, they will be able to travel. Their King is an old Man, and could not come hither: He cannot travel as a young Man; but he will come to *Albany* to see the Governor there; who, he hopes, will come in ten Days. They desire that *Satcheecho* may come thither with the Governor.

Also, that the Governor desires the House to appoint a Committee to confer with a Committee of Council, at the Court-house, this Afternoon, at Three a Clock, on this Business of the *Indians*.

Ordered, That the Speaker, *John Sotcher*, *Robert Jones*, *John Swift*, *Benjamin Vining*, *Israel Taylor*, and *Daniel Williamson*, be a Committee to attend the said Conference; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.* The House met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Conference be reported To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 1. The House met, *&c.*

The Speaker reported, that the Committee, appointed to attend the Conference with the Council, had attended accordingly; and that the Committee of Council proposed, that not less than the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed for defraying the Charge of the Governor's Journey to *Albany*, and *One Hundred Pounds* for Presents to the *Indians*: That the Committee had proposed to the Committee of Council, that two of the Council, *viz. Richard Hill*, and *James Logan*, do attend the Governor in that Journey; but that *James Logan* had acquainted them, he would be very ready to serve the Country, but, for some particular Reasons, he could not at present go.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon Judge *Hill*, and desire him to inform the House, if any Members of Council are concluded to go to *Albany* with the Governor: Who returned, that they had spoke with Judge *Hill*; who told them, that the Council is not yet met, but he believed the Persons would be named this Day in Council.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait upon the Governor, and request him to lay before this House the principal Heads of the Matter designed to be treated on at the intended Meeting with the *Indians* at *Albany*; and also to acquaint him, that the House very well approves of the Governor's Choice of the two of his Council to accompany him, *viz. Richard Hill*, and *James Logan*; but in case of Failure of either of them, *Isaac Norris* or *Andrew Hamilton*, or any two of them; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.* The House met, *&c.*

Francis Rawle and *Benjamin Vining* reported, they delivered their Message to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleased to answer, As to the Matter designed to be treated of at the Meeting with the *Indians*, he thought it not possible to frame any Thing of that Kind till he was in Council with the Governors at *New-York* or *Albany*; but if the House have any Thing to communicate to him for his particular Notice at the Treaty, he would observe the same as near as possible.

A Message from the Governor by *Andrew Hamilton*, that the Judges, with the Approbation of the Governor and Council, have resolved to defer the Trial of the *Cartlidges* till the Return of the Governor from *Albany*: And, that in the mean time, the Judges, with the Advice of the Attorney-General, have agreed, that it is necessary that an Inquisition be had on the Body of the *Indian* supposed to be kill'd; also, that such Persons as were summoned as Evidences, to attend the Trial, have Notice not to come till further Process; and that the *Indians* be acquainted therewith, and dispatched Home as soon as possible.

The House took into Consideration, the Return of their last Message to the Governor, and also of a Sum for Presents to the *Indians*, and for the Expences of the Counsellors that go with the Governor.

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 2, *Ordered*, That the same be further considered To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The House met, *&c.*

The House, according to Order, resumed the Consideration of the Return of their last Message to the Governor; and

Resolved,

1722. 6th Mo. 2.

Reſolved, That not being yet ſatisfied, That the Perſons approved of by them to go with the Governor, are reſolved to go, they think fit to defer the Concluſion of what Sum ſhall be added to that already allowed for defraying the Expences of the Journey, till they can be certain, that thoſe Perſons, or ſome other to their Satisfaction, will go.

The Committee of Accounts acquainted the Houſe, that they are ready to report, when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be made forthwith: Whereupon *Iſaac Taylor* produced the Report of the ſaid Committee in Writing, which he read, and afterwards delivered the ſame to the Speaker, and is as follows.

WE, the Committee appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, report, That we have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, Duty on *Negroes*, Tonage, and the laſt Exciſe; and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province, on the ſeveral Acts for Support of Government, are as follows,

Impoſt on Rum, Wine, and Duty on *Negroes*, to the Twenty-third of *March*, 1721-22. — — —				£	106	8 5
Tonage to the Twelfth of *May*, and End of the Act, —					43	18 2
Philadelphia County and City Exciſe, from the Fourteenth of *Auguſt*, to the Fourteenth of *February*, 1721-22, amounting to as *per* Account, — — —	£	285	9 5½			
Bucks County Exciſe, from and to the ſame Time,		18	10 0			
Cheſter County Exciſe, from the Fourteenth of *November* to the Fourteenth of *May*, 1722,		39	18 0			
	£	343	17 5½			
Deducting thereout the Commiſſions, at 10 *per Cent.*		34	7 9			
Remains, — —					309	9 8½
				£	459	16 3½
Balance of the laſt Account ſettled with the Committee the Fourth of the *Eleventh Month*, 1721-22, — —					866	5 7½
				£	1326	1 10½
Out of which muſt be deducted, for a Miſtake in the former Account, as appears by the Accounts, —					28	19 3
				£	1297	2 7½
Of which Sum he hath paid to the Treaſurer, — —					611	6 5
Balance due to the Province, — — —				£	685	16 2½

We have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer, *Samuel Preſton*'s Account; the total Debt of the Province, on all Orders iſſued ſince the Settlement made the 4th of the *Eleventh Month*, 1721-22, is *One Thouſand Forty-five Pounds*, and *Eighteen Shillings*, which, with *Fifty-two Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*, Commiſſions, at *Five per Cent.* makes the Debt of the Treaſurer's Account *One Thouſand Ninety-eight Pounds*, *Three Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*; which, with *Nine Hundred Seventy-one Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*, Balance due for former Orders or Account with the ſaid Treaſurer, makes in all *Two Thouſand Seventy Pounds*, and *Three-pence*. Towards Payment of which Sum, he hath received from the Collector *Six Hundred Eleven Pounds*, *Six Shillings* and *Five-pence*. Balance due from the Province, in full of all Orders iſſued to the Twenty-third of the *Third Month* laſt, *One Thouſand Four Hundred Fifty-eight Pounds*, *Thirteen Shillings* and *Ten-pence*; towards Payment of which, a Balance remains in the Collector's Hands, of *Six Hundred Eighty-five Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, and *Two-pence Three Farthings*, and the Entries of Rum, Wine and *Negroes*, ſince the Twenty-third of the *Firſt Month* laſt; alſo the Exciſe for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, from the Fourteenth of the *Twelfth Month* laſt; and Exciſe for the County of *Bucks*, the ſame Time. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by

ISAAC TAYLOR,
ANTHONY MORRIS,
WILLIAM BILES.

Reſolved, That the immediate Services of this Houſe ſhall be paid by the Treaſurer, before any other Orders.

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Petition of the Members of the Society, touching the Society Bill; and thereupon the Queſtion was put, that the Proviſo propoſed by the Com-

1722. Commiſſioners of Property to be added to the ſaid Bill, ſhall be added thereto accordingly? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

6th Mo. 2. *Reſolved*, That a Clauſe be added to the ſaid Bill, to oblige the Truſtees to give Security for the true and faithful Diſcharge of their Truſt; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

Reſolved, That the Security to be given by the Truſtees, in the Society Bill, ſhall be to the Orphans Court, and jointly and ſeverally in the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *William Biles*, go to the Counſellors that have been propoſed to attend the Governor to *Albany*, and deſire to know their poſitive Anſwer, if they will go that Journey in the Publick Service or not? Who returned, and report, they have ſpoke to *Iſaac Norris*, *Richard Hill*, and *James Logan*, but cannot find that any of them are yet reſolved to go with the Governor to *Albany*; but that *James Logan* told them, the Council would meet To-morrow Morning, and then he thought ſomething would be done about it.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the Clauſe and Proviſo, agreed to be added to the Society Bill, to the Governor for his Concurrence: Who returned, and report, they delivered them to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, He muſt have a ſpecial Regard to the Proprietary's Intereſt, and therefore would take

Adjournment. ſome Time to conſider them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign an Order on the Treaſurer to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Chief Juſtice, for his Salary of *One Hundred Pounds*; which was done.

Andrew Bradford laid before the Houſe his Account for Paper, Printing, *&c.* which was allowed.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, go to the Chief Juſtice, Attorney-General, and other Perſons who have done any Service for this Houſe, and acquaint them, that they now bring in their Accounts, in order for Allowance, and Orders on the Treaſurer; and

Adjournment. then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The ſaid Members returned, and report, they had ſpoke to ſeveral Perſons concerned, as directed: Whereupon ſundry Sums were allowed to ſeveral Perſons for immediate Services; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th. Mo. 4. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Robert Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe deſire to know what Reſult he is come to about the Proviſo and Clauſe laid before him, to be added to the Society Bill; and whether any of the Council have fully agreed to proceed with him to *Albany* in the Publick Service, and who?

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *William Biles*, look over the Journal, to take an Account of the Time of each Member's Service; and that the Clerk prepare Tickets for the ſame, to be ſigned by the Speaker.

John Swift and *Robert Jones* report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to tell them, 'twas Yeſterday agreed in Council, that *Richard Hill*, *Iſaac Norris*, and *Andrew Hamilton*, or ſome two of them, would accompany him to *Albany*; alſo, that there was ſomething drawn, and unanimouſly agreed on in Council, of what was neceſſary to be treated on with the *Indians*; which, if the Aſſembly continued ſitting till got ready, ſhould be laid before them; and that it was the Governor's Reſolution to manage the ſame to the beſt Advantage of this Province, and in ſuch Manner as will be moſt agreeable to the Inhabitants: Alſo, they delivered to the Speaker the Governor's Anſwer, in Writing, to the Clauſe and Proviſo, propoſed to him to be added to the Society Bill, which was read, and is as follows.

'THE Governor underſtands, that the Bill for veſting the Society-Lands in Truſtees, *&c.* has actually gone through all the Forms in the Legiſlature, except that of being paſſed into a Law. The Clauſe therefore which is now propoſed to be added, is out of Time; and moreover contains in it ſuch Things as the Houſe very well knows already, will never paſs with the Governor, for Reaſons which he hath formerly aſſigned in Writing: But if the Houſe thinks fit to gratify thoſe concern'd, by preſenting the Bill to the Governor in the ſame Form wherein it was unanimouſly approved by the Governor, Council, and Aſſembly, the Houſe may be aſſured, that the Governor has not alter'd his Opinion, but will always act conſiſtent with himſelf, and agreeably to the neceſſary and uſual Forms of the Legiſlative Power.'

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide.

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A Motion was made, that a Sum be added to the *One Hundred Pounds* already voted for defraying the Expence of the Journey of the Governor, and ſuch of his Council as ſhall go with him to *Albany*; and the Queſtion was put, that the Sum of *Thirty Pounds* be added to the ſaid Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, allowed for the ſaid Service, in caſe any two, or more, of his Council, propoſed by this Houſe, ſhall go with him? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1722. 6th Mo. 4.

Then the Queſtion was put, That the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed to be diſpoſed of by the Governor and Council for Preſents to the *Indians*? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, do ſee the Minutes be ſpeedily printed.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Samuel Levis*, go to the Treaſurer, and acquaint him, there is an Addition of *Eighty Pounds* to the *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* for defraying the Expence of the Governor's Journey to *Albany*, and Preſents to the *Indians*; and deſire to know if he has procured the Money firſt agreed on; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Orders on the Treaſurer for the ſeveral Sums allowed by this Aſſembly, for immediate Service, and otherwiſe; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for the Time of their Service; which was done.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, *Samuel Levis*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait upon the Governor, and deliver to him the Order on the Treaſurer for *One Hundred* and *Thirty Pounds*, for the Expence of him and his Council to *Albany*; and to acquaint him, that the Houſe is ready to break up, unleſs he has any farther Buſineſs to lay before them; alſo, that they deliver the Order for *One Hundred Pounds*, for Preſents to the *Indians*, to *Iſaac Norris*, to whom the ſame is made payable.

Ordered, That the Treaſurer do pay ſuch Orders of the Judges, and Attorney-General, as they ſhall draw on him for the Summoning or Bringing in Evidences, or any other Charges that ſhall accrue on the Proſecution and Trial of the *Cartlidges*.

Benjamin Vining, and the other Members appointed, returned, and report, that they delivered the Bill for *One Hundred Pounds* to *Iſaac Norris*; and that they had been to wait on the Governor, but that he was not in Town.

Ordered, That the Clerk tranſcribe the Journal of the Proceedings of this Aſſembly fairly into a Book, to remain as a Record in the Cheſt.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign the fair Journal of this Aſſembly.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fifteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1722.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County.*	Bucks *County.*	Cheſter *County.*
Samuel Carpenter, ſen.	*Joſeph Growdon*,	*Samuel Levis*, jun.
Francis Rawle,	*William Paxton*,	*Joſeph Pennock*,
Matthias Holſton,	*William Biles*,	*David Lewis*,
John Swift,	*John Sotcher*,	*William Pile*,
Robert Jones,	*Joſeph Kirkbride*, jun.	*Daniel Williamſon*,
Anthony Morris,	*George Clough*,	*Iſrael Taylor*,
Hugh Evans,	*Thomas Canby*,	*Nathaniel Newlin*,
Benjamin Vining.	*Thomas Yardley.*	*Iſaac Taylor.*

City of Philadelphia.

John Kearſley, *Charles Read.*

THE Members met this Day in a full Houſe, and proceeded to chooſe their Speaker, and *Joſeph Growdon*, Eſq; was elected, by Majority of Votes, Speaker of this Aſſembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1722. 8th Mo. 15. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 8th Mo. 16.

The Houſe waited on the Governor to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reported, That they had attended the Governor, who was pleaſed to approve the

1722. *8th Mo.* 16. Speaker; and that he had, in the Name of the Houſe, requeſted that this Houſe may, on all Occaſions, have free Acceſs to the Governor's Perſon; that he will be pleaſed to put a favourable Conſtruction on their Words and Actions, and that this Houſe may be protected in their juſt Rights and Privileges; and alſo, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he had received a Copy, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. 'I DOUBT not but you are all ſenſible how much the preſent Circumſtances of this Province 'require the ſpeedy and ſerious Attention of an Aſſembly: I ſhall therefore now only 'deſire, that you will make as ſhort an Adjournment as you poſſibly can at this Juncture; 'and when you are met again to enter upon Buſineſs, I ſhall then more particularly and free-'ly communicate my Sentiments on the preſent Situation of your Affairs, which calls loud 'for a perfect Harmony and Agreement between the Governor and the Repreſentatives of 'the People.'

Then the Qualifications being prepared, were read by the Clerk, and ſubſcribed; Firſt, by the Speaker in his Chair, and afterwards by the Members in Courſe.

George Clough, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, deſired Time to conſider of the Qualification before he ſubſcribed it; which was granted: And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Reſolved, That the Members of this Houſe who have ſubſcribed the Teſt of Allegiance, do ſubſcribe the Atteſt or Oath of Abjuration; which was done.

The Petition of *John Eyer*, praying to be recommended by this Houſe to the Governor, in order to be commiſſionated Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Bentley Cook*, praying to be made Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Queſtion was put, that a Perſon be recommended to the Governor, to be commiſſionated Serjeant at Arms? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That *John Eyer* be recommended to the Governor to be commiſſionated Serjeant at Arms to attend this Houſe, and that a Recommendation be ſigned by the Speaker to the Governor for that Purpoſe; which was done.

Reſolved, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *Anthony Morris*, *John Kearſley*, and *Benjamin Vining*, be a Committee of Accounts.

Ordered, That the Committee of Accounts do ſettle and adjuſt the Publick Accounts with the ſeveral Officers, ſo as to have them ready to lay before this Houſe at their next Meeting.

Reſolved, That *William Biles*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe incline to adjourn till the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* next, if he pleaſes to concur therewith: Who returned, that they had waited on the Governor, and delivered their Meſſage; who was pleaſed to agree to the propoſed Adjournment.

Bentley Cook was ſent for, and agreed with the Aſſembly for the two Rooms the Aſſembly now uſes, for the ſame as the laſt Year; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Thirty-firſt Day of *December* next.

Adjournment.

10th Mo. 31. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *John Kearſley*, *John Sotcher*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, there is a full Houſe met; if the Governor pleaſes to lay any Thing before the Houſe, they ſhall be ready to conſider it To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1722-23. *11th Mo.* 1. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that they waited on the Governor; and he was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend his Anſwer to the Houſe before Twelve of the Clock this Day.

The Petitions of ſundry Perſons for the Clerk's Place were read in Order, and conſidered; and *Aquilla Roſe* was choſen by a Majority, and qualified accordingly.

A Meſſage from the Governor by *Samuel Preſton*, a Member of Council, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, at the Court-houſe, forthwith. And the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, attended on the Governor accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which he was preſented with, and is as follows.

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Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I CONCEIVE it will be incumbent on you wiſely to huſband and uſe the Time which is ſet apart for the Publick Service, to the Advantage and Contentment of thoſe whom you repreſent. 1722-23. 11th Mo. 1. Governor's Speech.

'When I reflect that this is the Seventh Aſſembly, which in leſs than ſix Years I have had the Honour to meet as Governor of this Colony, and that no Difference or uneaſy Diſputes have yet happened in the Legiſlative Body, it is but natural to think, that ſo happy an Unanimity, with the Bleſſing of God, has been chiefly owing to the commendable and hearty Diſpoſitions which hitherto has appeared in both Parts of the Legiſlature to eſtabliſh the true Intereſt of the Government upon the Happineſs and Proſperity of the Governed.

'We all know it is neither the Great, the Rich, nor the Learned, that compoſe the Body of any People; and that Civil Government ought carefully to protect the poor laborious and induſtrious Part of Mankind, in the Enjoyment of their juſt Rights, and equal Liberties and Privileges, with the reſt of their Fellow Creatures. Whatever Preference therefore any one Man's Circumſtances, whether in Knowledge or Fortune, may ſeem to have over another, yet ſuch Conſiderations will have no more Impreſſion on ſuch worthy Members of any Legiſlative Body, who prefer the Good of the whole Community to the Intereſt of Particulars, than they could be expected to have upon an honeſt *Engliſh* Jury in another Caſe.

'From theſe Principles, I will take it upon me to recommend ſuch Things to you on this Occaſion, as I am perſuaded will very much tend to calm the Minds of the People, and conſequently redound to the Honour and Reputation of this Aſſembly.

'*Firſt* then, I would direct your Enquiry to find out from whence it proceeds, that ſuch a Multiplicity of expenſive and vexatious Law-ſuits have been of late commenced in your Courts, beyond what was uſual or ever known in this Province before; becauſe, if this ſudden Change ſhould appear to ariſe only from the Increaſe of Trade and Riches, it is well; but if from any other Cauſe whatſoever, I conceive it will be attended with dangerous Conſequences to the Body of the People whom you repreſent, and in ſuch Caſe it will require your immediate Application.

'The next Thing I ſhall propoſe to you is, to review and amend an Act of the Aſſembly of this Province, called, *The Law of Attachments*, for I am credibly and well informed, that the Severities of that Law have been uſed upon Occaſions, and to Purpoſes for which it never was intended, even to the Diſcredit of common Juſtice and Equity.

'*Laſtly*, For the Sake of the whole Country, who muſt live by the Product and Manufacture of Grain, it is abſolutely neceſſary, that the Making goood Bread and Flower be ſo regulated as to recover your loſt Credit in the Market to the *Weſt-Indies*, upon which your whole Traffick entirely depends.

'Gentlemen, Theſe Things, in my humble Opinion, will decently become the Subject of your Deliberations; and indeed I am ſo compaſſionately moved with the preſent unhappy State of the Affairs of this Province, that I want Words to expreſs the Zeal wherewith I do now moſt earneſtly recommend it to your Care; and while you are thus aſſured of my ready and chearful Compliance with whatſoever you can propoſe for the Eaſe and Contentment of the People, you will not fail, I hope, to find the neceſſary Means of relieving them from the weightieſt of their preſent Burdens and doleful Complaints.'

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee ordered to inſpect the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector brought in their particular Accounts, which were read, and referred to a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 2.

The Governor's Speech to this Houſe of the firſt Inſtant was again read Paragraph by Paragraph; and the Houſe unanimouſly requeſted the Speaker to draw up an Anſwer in Writing, to be laid before this Houſe To-morrow Morning for their Conſideration.

The Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, That they are ſenſibly aggrieved in their Eſtates and Dealings, to the great Loſs and growing Ruin of themſelves, and the evident Decay of this Province in general, for want of a Medium to buy and ſell with, and praying for a Paper Currency, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, in Behalf of themſelves and others, ſetting forth, *Firſt*, That the Conſumption of foreign Liquors in this Place is detrimental; and deſiring that the Making of good Beer, and the Diſtilling of Spirits out of our own Country Produce, may be encouraged. *Secondly*, That the current Money of this Province be raiſed, and not to make a Paper Currency. *Thirdly*, That the Produce of this

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1722-23. 11*th Mo.* 2. Province be made a Currency, and the Exportation of Money prohibited. *Fourthly*, That a reaſonable Toll be laid on Cattle and Sheep coming from *Maryland*, and the Lower Counties, that ſhall paſs Bridges, towards repairing of them. *Fifthly*, That a valuable Conſideration may be allowed to the Judges of this Province, and not a yearly Salary; and that Officers Fees, particularly Lawyers, may be abated. *Sixthly*, That Taverners may have Liberty to ſell Spirits diſtilled in this Country. And *Seventhly*, That ſome Eaſe may be given to Perſons ſcrupling to take the ſolemn Affirmation; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion being made, that a Committee of Grievances be appointed, and that they reviſe the Laws, in order to make Amendments or Alterations in what ſhall ſeem neceſſary;

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Charles Read*, *William Biles*, *Iſaac Taylor*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, be a Committee for that Service; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, as Occaſion may require, for the preſent Service, and that they make their Report on the fourth Inſtant in the Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, *Firſt*, The ſcandalous and wicked Practice of *Negroes* cohabiting with, and marrying, white People. *Secondly*, Of the ſcandalous Way of many unruly, ſcolding, and baſe Women, calumniating and diſturbing their Neighbours. *Thirdly*, againſt ſetting *Negroes* free when they are old and incapable of working for their Living. And *Fourthly*, Complaining of the Law of Attachments, as unjuſt and injurious; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to be given to the Committee of Grievances.

The Speaker having brought in an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the firſt Inſtant, it was read; and, after ſome Alteration, agreed to by the Houſe, ordered to be tranſcribed, and is as follows.

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, *&c.*

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THE Governor's Speech, made unto the Aſſembly on the firſt Inſtant, hath been deliberately read, and conſidered in the Houſe: And foraſmuch as by the Governor's loving and kind Expreſſions, in reſpect of his Care and conſtant Inclinations for the Good and Proſperity of the Province in general, by promoting what ſhall be conducive thereunto, we are abundantly aſſured of the good Effects will naturally flow from ſo happy and generous Inclinations. We therefore heartily and unanimouſly return the humble Thanks of the Houſe for the ſame, with this Aſſurance, that we hope nothing ſhall be wanting in us to contribute our utmoſt Endeavours, according to the beſt of our Capacity, and the Powers inveſted in us, in attaining the Ends premiſed.

We agree with the Governor, that the Unanimity, which, in a good Meaſure, hath been maintained between the Governor and former Aſſemblies, hath had a very good Effect; and, we hope, the ſame Diſpoſition will remain on both Sides, being ſenſible nothing can be more advantageous in Legiſlative Proceedings.

The Houſe is of the ſame Opinion with the Governor, that the Protection of the Law, and Preſervation of Privileges, ought to extend to Poor and Rich univerſally; and that all partial Conſiderations, ſhort of ſuch Extent, come ſhort of the indiſpenſible Duty incumbent on all Legiſlative Bodies.

As to what remains, we take not only pertinent to the preſent Circumſtance of the Government, but alſo our Duty to conſider, and act accordingly.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, by

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Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *John Kearſley*, *John Sotcher*, and *David Lewis*, attend upon the Governor with the Anſwer to his Speech of the firſt Inſtant; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait upon the Governor, with the Anſwer to his Speech of the firſt Inſtant, returned, and report, that they had delivered it accordingly.

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The Petition of *Richard Baldwin*, praying, that the Ferry over *Neſhaminy-Creek* may be continued to him by a Law, the Time granted to his Father being expired; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table. 1722-23. 11th Mo. 4.

A ſecond Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the Decay of Trade and Credit, and requeſting a Paper Currency; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, complaining of the great Decay of Trade and Credit, and requeſting a Paper Currency; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Another Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, complaining of the great Decay of Trade and Credit, and requeſting a Paper Currency; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, complaining of the great Decay of Trade and Credit, and requeſting a Paper Currency; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee of Grievances, and to reviſe the Laws, returned, and report, that they have reviſed the following Laws, and conſidered the Petitions laid before them; and are of Opinion,

Firſt, That a Supplement be made to the Law of Attachments.

Secondly, That the Law of Arreſts and Summons, as now put in Practice, are Grievances.

Thirdly, That the Proviſo in the Law of Exciſe, permitting Taverners, *&c.* to ſell Wine and Rum by the Gallon and Quart, be repealed.

Fourthly, That the firſt Petition from *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Calamities for want of a Medium in Trade, and praying a Paper Currency, contains Matters of Fact, and what they believe to be true, and worthy of weighty Conſideration: They therefore refer it to the Houſe.

Fifthly, That the Petition from *Philadelphia*, concerning the Inter-marriage of *Negroes* and Whites, *&c.* being read, they thought the ſaid Inter-marriages an Indecency, and ought to be prevented by a Law; as alſo ought the pernicious Practice of ſetting *Negroes* free: And that in the ſaid Law a Clauſe might be added to prevent their Meeting in Companies. And as to the other Part of the ſaid Petition, relating to the Erecting a Ducking-ſtool, they are of Opinion, that if the Magiſtrates of the Corporation want Power for that Purpoſe, the Petitioners may have Leave to bring in a Bill to enable the ſaid Magiſtrates to do what may be neceſſary therein.

Sixthly, That having conſidered the Petition of *Cheſter* County, they report, that the firſt Article of the ſaid Petition, they conceive to be in Part anſwered by a Law made laſt Aſſembly; which Law they think may be amended. As to the ſecond Article, they refer to the Conſideration of the Houſe, whether the Raiſing of Caſh or Striking Paper Money will be moſt to the Advantage of this Province? But humbly preſume, that if Dollars were raiſed to *Five Shillings* a Piece, it might be of Benefit. They think the third Article, praying a Law to prohibit the Exportation of Caſh, if paſſed into a Law, would be impracticable: But are of Opinion, if a Law was made to make the Country Produce, at Market Price, Pay for Servants, Goods imported, and to diſcharge Judgments and Executions, it would be of publick Service. The fourth, fifth, ſixth, and ſeventh Articles, they refer to the further Conſideration of the Houſe. They alſo craved further Time to conſider of ſeveral Matters; which was agreed to by the Houſe.

A Motion being made, that the Minutes of this Houſe be weekly printed? *It was agreed on in the Affirmative by the whole Houſe*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, complaining of the low State and Decay of Trade and Credit, and requeſting a Paper Currency; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Proceedings of this Houſe being reviſed for the Preſs,

Ordered, That the Clerk tranſcribe a Copy, and deliver it to *Robert Jones*, for him to carry it to, and agree with the Printer for ſixty Copies; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 5.

The Committee of Grievances returned, and made their Report in Writing, which was read, and is as follows.

WE have examined the Sheriffs Docquet, and find, that from *September*, 1715, to *September*, 1716, the Number of Writs are, 431
From *September*, 1717, to *September*, 1718, 588
From *September*, 1719, to *September*, 1720, 627
From *September*, 1721, to *September* 1722, 847
From *September* to *December*, 1722, 250

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That the latter Part of the Clauſe in the Act laying a Duty on Wine, *&c.* allowing the Importer *Five Pounds per Cent.* for prompt Pay, be repealed, and that *Ten Pounds per Cent.* be allowed, if the Importer make appear, that the Silver or Gold Money, wherewith ſuch prompt Pay was made, was *bona Fide* brought into this Province from the Port from whence the Wine, *&c.* was ſhipped.

We recommend to the Houſe, that the Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees may be reviſed, and amended.

Having read the following Petitions, laid before us, *viz.* Two Petitions from the County of *Philadelphia*, one from the County of *Bucks*, and two from *Cheſter* County, we find that they pray for a Paper Currency, the Conſideration whereof we refer to the Houſe.

Reſolved, That on the eighth Inſtant the Houſe will enter on the Conſideration of Remedies to ſupply the Want of a Currency of Caſh in this Province; and that all other Matters contained in the ſaid Report ſhall be alſo conſidered in Courſe; and then the Houſe adjourned to the ſeventh Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 7. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, complaining of the Want of a Currency, and praying that our Country Produce, *&c.* may be made current Pay; that Foreigners be encouraged in our Ports, and that no Paper Money be raiſed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Report of the Committee ordered to inſpect the Treaſurer and Collector's Accounts was read a ſecond Time, and ordered to be referred till the Collector be called upon to bring in his farther Account, and a Liſt of his out-ſtanding Debts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Minute referring to this Day, for the Conſideration of Remedies to ſupply the Want of a Currency of Caſh in this Province being read, after a long Debate thereon, the Queſtion was put, Whether it was neceſſary that a Quantity of Paper Money, founded on a good Scheme, be ſtruck or imprinted; which being put to Vote, *it paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of ſeveral Tanners, in *Philadelphia*, complaining that they ſuffer ſeveral Hardſhips from a Law paſſed in a former Aſſembly, and praying to be redreſſed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Perſons of this Province, deſiring that the Affirmation lately granted to the People called *Quakers*, in *England*, to remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under, may be allowed here; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that ſeveral Species of the Country Produce, fit for Merchandize and Exportation, ſhall paſs for current Pay? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that Lion or Dog Dollars, weighing ſixteen Pennyweight, or upwards, ſhall paſs for *Five Shillings* each? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſeveral Gentlemen and Merchants, entreating an Opportunity of offering their Sentiments of the Danger of ill-concerted Schemes in ſo nice and important a Caſe as the Regulation or Inſtitution of a Provincial Currency is; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, a Member of this Houſe, acquaint them, that the Aſſembly are willing to hear them by their Sentiments deliver'd to this Houſe in Writing, this Day or To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, deſiring, that Wheat and other Grain, Beef, Pork, Hemp and Flax, paſs on all Occaſions as ready Money; that Gold, *Engliſh* Money, and other Silver, be raiſed in Value as at *New-York*; that no Paper Money be raiſed; that our Port may be freed of Taxes, and Foreigners encouraged; that a Duty be laid on Deer-ſkins; and that Brewers put in a certain Quantity of Malt into each Barrel of ſtrong Beer, according to the Price of Barley; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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The Petition of ſeveral Perſons, Inhabitants of this Province, deſiring that the Affirmation lately granted to the People called *Quakers* in *England*, to remove the Difficulties which many of them lie under may be allowed here; was read a ſecond Time. 1722-23. 11th Mo. 9.

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill, according to the Deſire of the ſaid Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The firſt and ſecond Article of the Report of the Committee of Grievances, that a Supplement be made to the Law of Attachments, and that the Laws of Arreſts and Summons, as now put in Practice, are Grievances; being read, the Houſe debated the Matter, and agreed on the following Amendments.

1. That no Attachments be taken out againſt any Perſon, except they be abſent Days, or Proof made, that they are removed out of this Province with an Intent to defraud their Creditors.

2. That the firſt Attachment ſhall ſecure the whole Eſtate, to anſwer all the Creditors; and if it can be made appear upon Trial, that the Perſon was not about to depart this Province, the Perſon attaching ſhall be liable to pay all Damages.

3. That the Way of Commencement of Actions be according to an Act made in the Ninth of Queen ANNE, about Arreſts and Summons, *&c.* and that whoever proceeds otherwiſe, the Writ ſhall abate, and the Plaintiff pay Coſts and Damages.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Charles Read*, be a Committee to draw up a Bill or Supplement, according to the Direction of the foregoing Amendments; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 10.

A Meſſage was ſent by *Francis Rawle* and *Robert Jones*, two of the Members of this Houſe, to the Prothonotary of *Philadelphia*, to enquire how the Proceedings of Commencement of Actions of Arreſts and Summons are altered from what was practiſed formerly: Who returned, and report, that they had ſpoke with the Prothonotary accordingly, and that he could not readily tell the Reaſon of the Alteration of the former Way of Commencement of Actions, but that he thought they followed ſome ſubſequent Law; however he would inform himſelf better of it, and acquaint the Houſe.

The third Article of the Report of the Committee of Grievances, that the Proviſo in the Law of Exciſe, permitting Taverners, *&c.* to ſell Wine and Rum by the Gallon and Quart, be repealed, was read; and, after ſome Debate,

Ordered, That it be referred to another Time for Conſideration.

The fifth Article of the Report of the Committee of Grievances, that they had read the ſecond Petition from *Philadelphia*, and think that the Inter-marriage of *Negroes* and Whites, there complained of, is an Indecency which ought to be prevented by a Law, and the ſetting of *Negroes* free a pernicious Practice, *&c.* being read;

Reſolved, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

Iſaac Norris, and *James Logan*, two of the Petitioners, who Yeſterday had Leave to preſent their Sentiments in Writing this Day, attended, and were admitted to read a Paper containing their Sentiments, which is as follows.

To the Honourable Houſe of REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

Sentiments of the Merchants, *&c.* relating to a Paper Currency.

‘ BEING admitted upon our Addreſs to the Houſe preſented Yeſterday, to exhibit our further Sentiments, in Relation to a Paper Credit, now vigorouſly preſſed to be eſtabliſhed by a Law; we accordingly offer the following Heads, which may be ſupported by ſolid Arguments when the Houſe thinks fit to require them.

‘ *Firſt*, That as this Province derives all its Powers from, and is wholly dependent on the Kingdom of *Great-Britain*, it will be the higheſt Wiſdom in our Legiſlature, upon all Exigencies, to direct themſelves by the ſame prudent and juſt Meaſures the Parliaments of that Kingdom have always purſued in the like Caſes; in whom nothing has been more conſpicuous than a moſt ſtrict Care that no Subject ſhould loſe by the Coin or publick Credit of the Kingdom.

‘ *Secondly*, That as when the Nation was moſt grievouſly diſtreſſed in the Time of a dangerous and expenſive War, by a general debaſing of their current Coin, the Parliament would hearken to no Propoſal (tho' many were made) for relieving the State by raiſing their new minted Money to a higher Value; but, under the vaſteſt Difficulties, renewed it at the ſame Weight and Fineneſs to paſs at the former Rates, which they have unalterably kept to. And further, by a Sum of *Twelve Hundred Thouſand Pounds*, made good to private Perſons, all the Loſs of exchanging their clipped and debaſed Coin for the new milled Money, which was delivered out at a Par to them: So the like Juſtice and Prudence requires that no further Alteration than what the Parliament has made here, ſhould

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'ſhould, on any Terms, be admitted in the Value of our Gold and Silver, but that it be 'ſtill continued as it now paſſes.

'*Thirdly*, That as the Parliament, as often as they found it neceſſary to iſſue Bills of Credit, called Exchequer Bills or Notes, took the utmoſt Care to keep them equal in Value 'with Silver, by giving the Bank of *England*, when they fell into any Diſcount, vaſt Sums 'of Money to receive thoſe Bills as their own, and to exchange them with ready Caſh, on 'the Demand of the Bearer: So it appears abſolutely neceſſary that if Bills of Credit be 'raiſed here, due Care ſhould be taken (ſince we can have no ſuch Banks in this Province 'as are in *Europe*, whoſe Rules are to pay down ready Money for their Bills, upon De-'mand) to eſtabliſh them on ſo juſt a Foundation, that while in being they may ſtill conti-'nue of the ſame Value with real Money, according to the Rates at which they are firſt 'iſſued.

'*Fourthly*, That if thoſe Bills be iſſued on any eaſier Terms to the Receiver than Gold 'or Silver would be, if it were to be paid or lent out of the Treaſury, by how much theſe 'Terms are eaſier, by ſo much at leaſt will the Bills fall in Value; for Credit has its own 'Laws as unalterable in themſelves, as thoſe of Motion or Gravity are in Nature, and which 'ſuch as are verſed in thoſe Affairs in *Europe* as carefully conſider.

'*Fifthly*, That the Schemes moſt commonly talked of for lending out Sums to be diſ-'charged by annual Payments, equal to or not much exceeding the Intereſt, for a certain 'Number of Years, without paying any Principal, are partial and unjuſt, and would be de-'ſtructive to publick Credit, becauſe the Conſideration given is not an Equivalent to the Sum 'received.

'For Inſtance: Should *One Hundred Pounds* be lent out, to be diſcharged by the Pay-'ment only of *Eight Pounds* annually for ſixteen Years; were ſuch an Annuity to be 'bought, according to the known Rules for purchaſing Eſtates, it would here be worth no 'more than *Seventy Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings* and *Three-pence*, in ready Money; nor is an 'Annuity for *Nine Pounds Ten Shillings per Annum*, for twelve Years, worth more than '*Seventy-one Pounds*, *Twelve Shillings*. In either of theſe Caſes the Borrower, could he diſ-'charge Debts of that Value with it, tho' he were to pay the Annuity in Gold or Silver, 'would gain near *Thirty Pounds* by the Loan, but no other Perſon would feel the leaſt Ad-'vantage by it; now, if no Man would lett out his own Money on theſe Terms, none ought 'to deſire it ſo of the Publick, the Credit of which is of vaſtly greater Importance than a-'ny private Perſon's, becauſe a Failure in that affects the Fortune of every Individual in his 'Money, the Medium of his Commerce and Dealing.

'*Sixthly*, That all ſuch Projects are either exceedingly weak, or unjuſt; for this Paper Money 'is to be lent either to all who ſhall deſire it, on a Tender of the Security propoſed, or to 'ſome only: If to all (as 'tis natural for all Men to deſire what they may gain by) it will 'be impracticable to ſtrike enough to anſwer all Demands; or if it were ſtruck, it would, 'becauſe of its Quantity, become of little or no Value: If to a few only, what Tribunal can 'be erected to judge and diſtinguiſh who of the King's Subjects are to be admitted to the 'Favour, and who to be rejected? If the Poor only are to be the Objects, they have not a Se-'curity to give; or if they had, perhaps they have as little Merit as any. Commonly Peo-'ple become wealthy by Sobriety and Induſtry, the moſt uſeful Qualifications in a Com-'monwealth, and poor by Luxury, Idleneſs and Folly. What Rules then can be found 'for diſpenſing the Publick Favours?

'*Seventhly*, That by theſe Schemes the more the Currency or Paper Money falls in Value '(by which Word falling is meant the Riſing of Gold, Silver, *Engliſh* Goods, and all other 'Commodities, in nominal Value, which is the certain Proof of the others falling) the Greater 'is the Borrower's Advantage, for the more eaſily will he pay his Annuity; ſo that he may 'happen, by Virtue of the Act, to diſcharge, with the Value of *Twenty Pounds*, a Debt of '*One Hundred*, due to the Man who perhaps kindly lent him the Money to relieve him in 'Diſtreſs, or honeſtly ſold him his Land or Goods at their real Value at the Time of Lend-'ing or Sale.

'*Eighthly*, That all thoſe deceive themſelves, who, becauſe Gold and Silver may be had 'at *New-York*, or other Places, in Exchange for their Paper Money, ſuppoſe that the one 'is therefore as good as the other, unleſs the Silver can be had at *Eight Shillings per* Ounce, 'or the Gold at *Six Shillings per* Pennyweight, at *New-York*, as they were rated at the 'firſt ſtriking of their Bills; but when their Silver brings from *Nine* to *Ten Shillings per* 'Ounce, and their light Piſtoles paſs at *Twenty-eight Shillings*, or higher, then Bills are truly 'ſo much fallen in Value as the others are advanced. So in *Carolina*, Silver is to be pur-'chaſed for their Bills, but it is at *Thirty Shillings per* Ounce, tho' theirs were ſtruck, as is 'ſaid, at *Seven Shillings* only.

'Theſe being premiſed as general Heads, what next follows is, to point out what are con-'ceived to be the only Means of ſupporting the Credit of ſuch a Currency, if iſſued.

'*Firſt*, That the whole Sum ſtruck be but ſmall, and juſt ſufficient to paſs from Hand to 'Hand for a Currency.

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'*Secondly*, That it be not continued for any longer Time; for the Paper will wear out, and it will not be so easy to exchange it for new as some have imagined; which, it is much to be doubted, will be found impracticable: Besides, the sooner it is to expire, the more easily will People be satisfied to take it. But further, our Laws can continue in Force no longer than five Years without the royal Approbation.

'*Thirdly*, That Care be taken to force the Sinking of it in Course; and in a just Manner, by Measures that shall render it absolutely necessary for the Publick to have it sunk; which, it is conceived, none of the Methods hitherto discoursed of will effect. These Heads, may it please the House, are what we have at present humbly to offer to your Consideration on this Subject.'

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The House met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Committee, last appointed, draw up a Bill, to make several Species of the Country Produce, fit for Merchandize and Exportation, pass for current Pay in this Province.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for vesting the Lands and Lots commonly called, The Lands of the* Free Society *of Traders in* Pennsylvania, *in Trustees, to be sold for the Payment of such Sums of Money as were paid into the Publick Stock of the said Society, for purchasing the said Lands and Lots, and carrying on the Trade designed by the said Society*; was read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 11.

The House met, *&c.*

A Motion being made, that the House enter on the Consideration of Remedies to supply the Want of a Currency of Cash in this Province, and what Quantity of Paper Money, founded on a good Scheme, be struck, or imprinted: After a long Debate, it was put to Vote, that *Twenty Thousand Pounds*, of Paper Money be struck or imprinted? *It passed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* of Paper Money be struck or imprinted? *It passed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that *Twelve Thousand Pounds* of Paper Money be struck or imprinted? *It passed in the Affirmative.* And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.*

Post Meridiem.

A Motion being made, that the Interest of Money be abated by a Law: After some Debate it was put to Vote, that the Interest of Money be lower'd from *Eight Pounds per Cent. per Annum* to *Six Pounds per Cent. per Annum*, upon all future Bonds and Contracts? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

The Speaker was pleased to present to the House the Governor's Letter to him, which was read; intimating, that he would assist any Committee of this House, that shall be appointed to find out some happy Scheme, in relation to a Paper Currency proposed.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Sotcher*, wait on the Governor, and thank him for his kind Offer of Assistance; and that this House is ready to receive the Governor's Thoughts, if he please to communicate them to this House in Writing, on that Subject; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 12.

The House met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor returned, and reported, that he was pleased to say, in Answer to their Message, He had nothing as yet drawn up in Writing, but that he would get something ready to lay before the House against the next Meeting of this Assembly.

A Motion was made, that the House enter on the Consideration of a proper Method for the Raising and Issuing of the *Twelve Thousand Pounds* of Paper Money already agreed on.

After Debate, it was put to Vote, that the Sum of Paper Money now to be struck or raised, shall be disposed of, and lent, out of an Office to be erected, to such as want, at the Interest of *Six per Cent. per Annum*? It passed in the Negative.

After some Debate, a Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Sum of Paper Money, now to be struck or raised, shall be disposed of, and lent, at the Interest of *Five per Cent. per Annum*? It passed in the Affirmative.

After some Debate, a Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Paper Money, now to be raised, shall pass by a Law for five Years, and no longer? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that it shall be at the Choice of the Borrower to pay the Principal, with the Interest, sooner than at the Expiration of the aforesaid Term of five Years; or any Part, not less than one Fourth of the Principal at one Payment? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Security to be given, for the Sum taken out of this Paper Currency, shall be three Times the Value in Lands and Lots, and four Times the Value in Houses? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

1722-23. 11*th Mo.* 12. *Ordered*, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Sotcher*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn to the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, if the Governor approves of the ſame: Who returned, and reported, that the Governor agrees to the propoſed Adjournment to the Twenty-firſt Inſtant; but no longer Time: And then the Houſe was accordingly adjourned to the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 21. *Poſt Meridiem.* THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Robert Jones*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met according to Adjournment, and if he pleaſes to lay before the Houſe any Thing, in relation to a Paper Currency, which he was pleaſed to intimate, the Houſe will be ready to receive the ſame To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned to Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 22. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, return, and report, that he was pleaſed to ſay he had ſomething writ, and would ſend it this Morning: Accordingly the Governor ſent a Paper to this Houſe, by a Meſſenger, containing his Sentiments in Relation to a Paper Credit; which was read, and is as follows.

Governor's Sentiments relating to a Paper Credit.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I HAVE, at your Requeſt, very carefully conſidered the Reſolutions of the Houſe upon your Journals, relating to publick Credit; and alſo, ſome Things which I there find has been offered to you upon the ſame Subject.

'Credit may, no doubt, be compared to the Mathematicks, in ſo far as both Sciences will admit of deducing ſolid Concluſions from ſelf evident and clear Principles: And yet, by the Subtilty of an Artiſt, Truth or Falſhood in either of them is often ſo darkly wrapped up and involved, that it is loſt unto, or miſapprehended by the plaineſt, and general ſpeaking, much the honeſteſt Part of Mankind.

'But the common Neceſſity and general Intereſt of the whole Body of the People, being a Subject of Importance, on which we ought to ſpeak plainly, and act freely, I ſhall, without any Preamble or Diſguiſe whatſoever, communicate my Thoughts to you in the ſimpleſt and moſt intelligible Manner that I can.

'*Firſt*, If it be true, that the Riches and Proſperity of this Province chiefly depend on the Manufacture of Proviſions, and the Exchanging of that Manufacture with other Things to Advantage, it will alſo be true, that whatſoever encreaſes the one, and at the ſame time encourages the other, will juſtly deſerve the Name of a Publick Good; and the Majority of thoſe employ'd in ſuch Manufacture and Exchange, have thereby a Right to be conſidered as the Body of the People whom you repreſent.

'*Secondly*, It is evident, that where there is no Publick Debt, and a real Value in Lands to be pledged, Paper may, if there is Occaſion for it, be ſtruck to Advantage without any Riſque at all; for tho' perhaps it may contribute to hurt ſome weak People in the ill Management of their private Affairs, yet, while any unfrugal Perſon is loſt to the Community, and is ſucceeded by one more induſtrious than he, the Publick cannot ſuffer by ſuch a Change.

'*Thirdly*, If, in the Caſe of a Paper Currency amongſt us, it ſhould happen to follow (as it may be ſuppoſed it will) that Silver and Gold will be kept up for Remittances to *Great-Britain*, we ſhall then have no other Means of dealing with one another but the Paper: Should the Quantity therefore be leſs than is neceſſary to circulate our home Trade in its natural Courſe, Uſurers and Sharpers would have the ſame Opportunity as they have now, to lie at Catch for Bargains, and make a Monopoly of Trade, by ingroſſing the current Money into their Hands.

'*Fourthly*, The very Eſſence and Nature of Credit, as well as the Practice and Experience of the greateſt Banks in *Europe*, directs all ſuch Bills to be iſſued at ſomething leſs than common Intereſt, for that is, in Effect, a Premium given by the Publick to encourage their Circulation: And whoever is pleaſed to ſay, that the Bank of *Amſterdam* loſes Credit by lending Money at *Two per Cent.* or the Bank of *England* by lending Money at *Four per Cent.* ſhall ſcarce prevail with me to think the Aſſertion worthy of any Anſwer.

'*Fifthly*, I am not of Opinion with thoſe Gentlemen, who are pleaſed to alledge, that the Value of Silver at *New-York*, which, in the Month of *September* laſt, was from *Eight Shillings* and *Three-pence* to *Eight Shillings* and *Nine-pence*, is occaſioned by their Paper; for in this Province, where there never has been any Paper yet, from *Five* to *Ten per Cent.* has for ſeveral Years been given in Exchange for Silver. And as to their Computation of Gold, the Gentlemen, perhaps, have not had Occaſion of late to be informed, that the heavieſt *Piſtoles* in *York*, go at no more than *Twenty-eight Shillings*, and ſmaller, or cut Gold, at the common Standard Value in that Province, where it is believed the People could not poſſibly carry on Half the Quantity of their preſent Trade and Buſineſs without the Help of Paper.

'*Sixthly*,

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'*Sixthly*, I muſt alſo take Leave to differ in Opinion with thoſe, who, without Enquiry, and by Wholeſale, are pleaſed to condemn all Schemes of lending Money to be diſcharged by annual Payments; for I truly think that Method will not only ſuit the different Circumſtances and Conveniency of the People beſt, but in all Reſpects will prove the ſafeſt and moſt profitable, as well as equal; and my Reaſons for it are theſe.

'*1ſt*, Whatever Quantity be iſſued, if one fifth, ſixth, or tenth Part of the Sum, according to the Time for which it is to laſt, muſt neceſſarily come into the Office every Year, it may be lent out again at *Five per Cent.* for any Time within the Term, to ſuch Perſons as had no Place or Opportunity to come into the firſt Loan: By which Means all the frightful odd Things, mentioned in the Gentlemens ſixth Obſervation, will preſently vaniſh; for every Man, in this Caſe, according to his Ability, may, if he thinks fit, ſhare in that Advantage, which the Publick moſt generouſly and prudently offers to the Neceſſities of the People.

'*2dly*, If ſo great a Share of the Whole comes in yearly to the Office, in order to be lent out again, it will, in a great Meaſure, prevent engroſſing, and help the Circulation conſiderably: It will alſo give more frequent Opportunity of diſcovering Frauds, and gradually encreaſe the Publick Stock and Revenue of the Bank; and by that Means it will demonſtrably ſink the original Sum within the Time prefix'd; that is to ſay, the Paper, at the End of that Term, will either be found in the Office, or its Value in Caſh, ready to pay what ſhall then happen by Accident to be yet abroad.

'*Seventhly*, If too great a Security is demanded for the Loan of publick Money, I think it will in a great Meaſure fruſtrate the Deſign of relieving many of the middling and moſt induſtrious Sort of the People; wherefore it is my Opinion, that one Half of the Value of Lands, one Third of Houſes, and perſonal Eſtates, and near the whole Value of Ground-Rents, may very ſafely be lent to thoſe who are willing and able to give ſuch Security.

'*Eighthly*, If, upon further Conſideration, you find that the Sum intended may be iſſued to better Advantage for a longer Time, I think the Objection, that our Acts can only ſubſiſt five Years without being approved, is of no Weight; for, beſides that it would not be very civil to ſuppoſe, that the Legiſlative Power here would deliberately go upon any Act of that Importance, or indeed of any Kind, which we had the leaſt Cauſe to ſuſpect would be diſagreeable to his Majeſty, or the Sentiments of his Miniſtry, we know very well, it is in his Majeſty's royal Power and Prerogative to repeal and make void, at any Time, all Acts of Aſſembly to be made or paſſed in *America*: And for my Part, if I did not in my Conſcience believe that the Act now propoſed, could be made on ſuch a rational, juſt and equal Foot, as would rather claim his Majeſty's gracious Favour in aſſenting to it, than render it obnoxious to his impartial Juſtice, I ſhould neither have given myſelf nor you this Trouble.

'Gentlemen, theſe are moſt frankly and ſincerely my preſent Sentiments of the Matter before you, and as I do not find myſelf inclined to diſpute, and much leſs to ſhew any Stiffneſs or Obſtinacy, in an Affair of ſuch a general Concern, I ſhall very much rely on your diligent Circumſpection and Care for the Good of your Country, being ſtill ready and willing to give you all the Aſſiſtance in my Power.'

January, 22, 1722-23. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, and Inhabitants of this Province, praying, *Firſt*, That the Paper Currency propoſed to be iſſued, may be made to anſwer former Contracts, and be continued a longer Term than five Years. *Secondly*, That the Sum be enlarged. *Thirdly*, That the Manner of its ſinking be formed on a Scheme of ſinking Principal and Intereſt together. And *Fourthly*, That the Security to be given for Bills of Credit be leſſened; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and Commanders of Veſſels, ſetting forth the abſolute Neceſſity of ſkilful Men to be appointed Pilots to navigate Veſſels from the Port of *Philadelphia* to the Capes; and requeſting that Captain *Thomas Burrell*, and Captain *Thomas James*, of this City, being capable Perſons, be intruſted with that Charge; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Perſons in this Province, ſetting forth, that the Keeping of *Negroes*, to be hired out to do all or moſt of the ſervile Work in and about the City of *Philadelphia*, debars the Petitioners from being employed, to the utter Ruin of themſelves and Families, and praying, that the ſaid Practice be diſcouraged or wholly prevented; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Thomas Denham* of this City, Merchant, ſetting forth ſeveral Abuſes he has received from *Owen Roberts*, the preſent Collector; and praying, that if it appear the Collector has forfeited his Office, he may be appointed Collector; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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After a long Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Paper Money now to be ſtruck or raiſed, ſhall be continued for Ten Years, being five Years longer than the Term already agreed on? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Money to be ſtruck and diſpoſed of be continued for eight Years, and paid by annual Payments? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of lowering the Security already agreed to be given for Bills of Credit; after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that double the Value of Lands, Lots, Ground-rents, and Freehold Eſtates, in Fee-ſimple, be given as a Security for Bills of Credit? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Security to be given in Houſes Freehold in Fee-ſimple, for Bills of Credit, be three Times the Value of the Sum borrowed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that having peruſed the Minutes of this Houſe, in relation to the Iſſuing a Paper Currency, it being unexpected to them, they now requeſt, that no Paper Money be raiſed; that ſome of our beſt vendible Commodities and Manufactures be made current Pay; and, that ſome Species of this Province be raiſed; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, in Behalf of themſelves and others, praying that ſome further Proviſion may be made, in relation to bound Servant Women having Baſtard Children, and laying them to bound Servant Men, that they may make Satisfaction by Servitude for the Charge they bring to the Province; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table;

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 23. and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of the Number of Perſons to be choſen Truſtees, with whom the Paper Money to be ſtruck may be entruſted; after Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that four Perſons be appointed as Commiſſioners and Truſtees, to execute the Office of managing and diſpoſing of the Paper Currency propoſed to be iſſued? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Office to be erected for the Iſſuing of a Paper Currency be ſettled in the City of *Philadelphia*; but on Occaſion that it ſhall be alſo held in *Bucks* and *Cheſter* Counties, for the ſame Purpoſe? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Drawing up of the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit be committed to *Francis Rawle*, *Iſaac Taylor*, and *Charles Read*, being appointed a former Committee; and that *William Biles*, and *John Kearſley*, be added to them.

Richard Hill, *Iſaac Norris*, and *James Logan*, preſented to the Houſe, by a Meſſenger, a Paper, containing a Requeſt, that they may have a Sight of, and be heard in relation to the Society Bill, they being concerned for the Proprietary's Affairs, who is more deeply intereſted in the ſaid Stock than any other Perſon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *Francis Rawle* carry the Society Bill to the ſaid Perſons requeſting; and then the Houſe adjourned to Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Committee of this Houſe, before appointed, do conſult the Attorney-General, and other Perſons ſkilled in the Law, as they think fit, in relation to the Drawing the Bill for a Paper Currency.

A ſecond Petition of ſeveral Freeholders and Inhabitants of this Province, praying, that the Paper Currency may anſwer former Contracts, and be continued a longer Term than five Years; that the Sum be enlarged; that Principal and Intereſt may ſink together yearly; and that the Security to be given be leſſened; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition from *Cheſter* County, in relation to Servant Women having Baſtard Children, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and referred to a further Conſideration;

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 24. and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Committee appointed to draw up the Bill for raiſing and iſſuing a Paper Currency, take the ſubſequent Minutes that ſhall be made, in relation to that Bill.

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A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that good Plate, at *Five Shillings per* Ounce, ſhall be a Security for Bills of Credit to be taken out of the Office to be erected for that Purpoſe? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* 1722-23. 11th Mo. 24.

The third Article in the Committee of Grievances being read, that the Proviſo in the Law of Exciſe, permitting Taverners, *&c.* to ſell Wine and Rum by the Gallon and Quart, be repealed: After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Proviſo in the Law of Exciſe be repealed, and made null and void? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes*; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants and Commanders of Veſſels, ſetting forth the abſolute Neceſſity, and praying that ſkilful Pilots may be appointed to navigate Veſſels from this Port of *Philadelphia* to the Capes of *Delaware*, and recommending Captain *Thomas Burrell*, and Captain *Thomas James*, of this City, as Perſons capable of that Truſt; was read a ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth the ſcandalous and wicked Practice of *Negroes* cohabiting with, and marrying white Perſons; the wicked Practice of ſcolding baſe Women calumniating and diſturbing their Neighbours without Controul; and praying, that a Ducking-ſtool, to puniſh ſuch Offenders, may be erected in this City of *Philadelphia*, and other convenient Places in this Province; alſo complaining of the unjuſt Way of ſetting old *Negroes* free, without a Competency to maintain them, *&c.* and praying Redreſs; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Requeſt of the ſaid Petition in the three firſt Articles of Complaint; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 25.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Impoſt on Rum be lowered by a Law, from *Three-pence* to *Two-pence per* Gallon? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifteen per Cent.* be abated to all, who ſhall pay the Duty and Impoſt on Wine and Rum, in Silver and Gold, brought from the Port where the ſaid Wine and Rum were exported? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of *Joſeph Growdon*, requeſting, that the Ferry over *Neſhaminey* Creek may be granted to him for a certain Term, under ſuch Reſtrictions and Limitations as to this Houſe may ſeem moſt proper; the Time for which it was before granted being now expired, and he having a Tract of Land adjacent to the ſaid Ferry, and convenient for that Purpoſe; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11th Mo. 26.

The Speaker was pleaſed to preſent to the Houſe a Paper, directed to him by two of the Petitioners, of the Twenty-ſecond Inſtant, who beg Leave to lay before the Houſe ſome Conſiderations, in Anſwer to the Sentiments of ſeveral Gentlemen and Merchants, in relation to a Paper Currency, which was read, and is as follows.

To the Honourable Houſe of REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *in Aſſembly met, the Twenty-fourth of* January, 1722-23.

May it pleaſe this Honourable Houſe,

WE beg Leave to lay before you ſome Conſiderations, in Anſwer to the Sentiments of ſeveral Gentlemen and Merchants, in relation to a Paper Credit, which they were admitted to preſent the tenth Inſtant. Conſiderations, in Anſwer to the Sentiments of ſeveral Gentlemen on a Paper Currency.

Firſt, It is but juſt to concede to their Notion, "That this Province is dependent on, and derives all its Powers from, *Great-Britain*; and that it is the higheſt Wiſdom in our Legiſlature, to direct themſelves by the ſame prudent Meaſures, as far as our Circumſtances with theirs may agree."

Secondly, It is by them alledged, That when the Nation was diſtreſſed by War, and their Coin generally debaſed, yet the Parliament would not advance their Currency on any Account; and that they renewed it at the ſame Fineneſs, to paſs at the former Rates, and they have unalterably kept to the ſame. And further, that *Twelve Hundred Thouſand Pounds*

1722-23. 11th Mo. 26. made good to private Perſons all their Loſs received from exchanging their clipp'd and debaſed Coin for the new mill'd Money delivered at a Par. To which we ſay, that we know (by what Authority ſoever it was or is done) that ſince, if not then, the Coin hath been (particularly the Gold) often raiſed and lowered; and that the *Twelve Hundred Thouſand Pounds* did make good all the Loſs in the Kingdom for the debaſed Coin, is an Aſſertion we doubt not but there are many in *Great-Britain* (and ſome here) can inform thoſe Gentlemen otherwiſe.

Thirdly, In Concurrence with the Sentiments of theſe Gentlemen, in their third Paragraph, we humbly recommend it to our Legiſlators, that our Bills be eſtabliſhed on ſo juſt a Foundation, that while in Being, they may ſtill continue of the ſame Value with real Money, according to the Rates at which they are firſt iſſued.

Fourthly, If thoſe Bills cannot be procured, where they are to be iſſued, for a leſs Pledge or Security than Gold or Silver would be, the eaſy Terms of refunding them will not leſſen their Value; for the Stamp of Authority has its own Laws as unalterable in themſelves as thoſe of Intereſt or Increaſe are in Uſury, and which, ſuch as are verſed in thoſe Affairs, as carefully conſider.

Fifthly, The Schemes moſt commonly talked of for lending out Sums, to be diſcharged by annual Payments equal to, or not much exceeding, the Intereſt, for a certain Number of Years, without paying any Principal, are not partial and unjuſt, nor deſtructive to publick Credit; for the Pledge ſecured is more than an Equivalent to the Sum received, and the Intereſt given is not inconſiderable, even of the loweſt rated Schemes. To whom are they partial and unjuſt, ſince no method is propoſed or contrived for any particular Man or Men, excluding others? The Benefit is to be general; and tho' the Neceſſities of the Poor chiefly call for the Succour, yet is it more within the Compaſs of the Rich to be thereby favoured, becauſe they have Plenty of Pledges: Let them not then complain of Partiality and Injuſtice through their own Negligence. How are ſuch Schemes deſtructive to publick Credit, ſince the Publick is capable of yielding ſo much Relief to a neceſſitous People, without hurting itſelf? No, the Deſign is laudable, and greatly becomes our generous Patriots. But perhaps there are ſome that are partial to themſelves, although they ſeem to ſpeak in Defence of the Publick, affording us Room to gueſs, they would have no Money borrowed but of Private Perſons, and begrudge the Borrowers of the Publick, the Gain (of near *Thirty Pounds*, according to the exquiſite Calculation of thoſe Gentlemen) becauſe they themſelves know, that ſuch an Advantage is not equal to the ſweet Incomes of Uſury.

Sixthly, All ſuch Projects are not exceedingly weak and unjuſt; for what Man, had he Money by him to lend, would refuſe it on ſufficient Security? And if he does lend it on ſuch a Security, where can we ſuppoſe the Lender's Loſs to be? Or wherein is the Paper Credit leſſened, when there is more than its Value to ſupport it? Their ſuppoſing it to be lent to all, is an Amuſement; and the Tribunal is eaſily to be erected, to find out Perſons of Worth from thoſe that are worth nothing; and the Poor (who, they ſay, have as little Merit as any) may have a Chance to get it by Labour, by the Employers having ſomething to pay, both to their and the poor Man's Advantage: And thus a Way may eaſily be found for diſpenſing publick Favours. We preſume to add to thoſe great and Rich Men (and therefore, according to their Account, ſober and induſtrious Men) that we humbly hope, a Medium in Buſineſs will run us from the looſe Way of Luxury, Idleneſs and Folly, which often happens from being nonplus'd in a regular Diſpatch of Affairs for Want of Pay when due.

Seventhly, This Currency, or Paper Money, will not fall in Value, if raiſed on a good Foundation, as recommended in the third Article. The Riſing of Silver is alone owing to the Avarice of the Poſſeſſor, who knowing there is no other Currency (and that too at this Time extremely ſcarce) they have impoſed on the Neceſſities of People, by advancing it near *Two Shillings per Pound*; but it is not improbable, that our Bills being always capable of purchaſing our Country Produce, their Value being equal to Silver, will again reduce it to its ſtated Worth, and be as ſatisfactory to the kind Lender, who (according to them) relieved the Borrower in Diſtreſs, or ſold him Land or Goods at their real Value at the Time of Lending or Sale.

Eighthly, Thoſe do not deceive themſelves, who, becauſe Gold and Silver may be had at *New-York*, or other Places, in Exchange for their Paper Money, ſuppoſe that the one is as good as the other. It is a received Maxim, that the Value of any Thing is in Proportion to what it will purchaſe: Now Paper Bills will, at this Time, and would formerly, purchaſe in *New-York* Goods cheaper than Caſh will at *Philadelphia*; and it is obvious, that ſome other Reaſon may have occaſioned the Riſe of Silver and Gold there, ſince we have here advanced at leaſt *Six-pence per* Ounce on Silver, beyond the Rate aſcertained by Act of Parliament, without any ſuch Motive as Paper Money.

Theſe being premiſed on the General Heads, what next follows is in Anſwer to their three concluſive Points.

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I. If the whole Sum ſtruck be ſo ſmall, that it will not anſwer the abſolute and immediate Neceſſities of thoſe who have real Securities to give, it will not (we humbly conceive) be ſufficient to paſs from Hand to Hand for a Currency. 1722-23. *11th Mo.* 26.

II. That which is a Benefit to any Perſon for five Years, will be a farther Benefit for a longer Term; and perhaps the fixing it to a ſhort Date, may abridge ſome Perſons from effecting what they might accompliſh for their own Good, and the Country's Advantage, in more Time. The Difficulty of exchanging worn out Bills for new, in an Office to be erected for that Purpoſe, we doubt not the Care and Ability of this Aſſembly to ſurmount and render practicable. And if our Laws can continue in Force no longer than five Years, without the royal Approbation; yet, we preſume, a Law ſo beneficial to the Subject here, ſo concurrent to the Practice of neighbouring Colonies, and no ways repugnant to the Laws of *England*, will, when duly repreſented at Home, not want that Approbation.

III. We confide in this, that the Wiſdom of this honourable Houſe needs no Direction in the Care to be taken of ſinking the Paper Currency in Courſe, and in a juſt Manner; for we eſteem you (and not thoſe Gentlemen Petitioners) to be proper Judges of the Methods hitherto diſcourſed of.

Theſe Obſervations (may it pleaſe this Honourable Houſe) on the Sentiments of thoſe Gentlemen, we humbly offer to your Conſideration, and pray your favourable Conſtruction.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the aforeſaid Paper be imprinted with the Votes of this Houſe? *It paſſed in the Affirmative*; and then the Houſe adjourned to the Twenty-eighth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 28. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of *John Baldwin*, praying, that ſince his Brother *Richard Baldwin*, a former Petitioner of this Houſe, is dead, the Ferry over *Neſhaminey* Creek may be confirmed to him, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *James Morgan* and *Thomas Spendlove*, ſetting forth the Neceſſity of ſkilful Men to be appointed as Pilots of this Port of *Philadelphia*, and praying that they may be choſen Pilots of the ſaid Port, to navigate Veſſels along the River, and dangerous Bay, of *Delaware* to the *Capes*, they being Men of long Experience; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of the Tanners of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they ſuffer from an Act made in a former Aſſembly, and praying Redreſs, was read a ſecond Time, and conſidered.

After ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Law for the well tanning of Leather, *&c.* ſhall be altered in ſome Article or Proviſo? *It paſſed in the Negative*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *11th Mo.* 29.

The Petition of ſeveral poor People of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying that *Negroes* may not work from Houſe to Houſe, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, conſidered, and ordered to be laid aſide, as being injurious to the Publick, as well as to the Right and Privilege of ſuch as keep *Negroes*.

The Petition of *Thomas Denham*, ſetting forth the Abuſe he has received from *Owen Roberts*, the preſent Collector, and praying he may be made Collector in his Stead; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That it is the Opinion of this Houſe, if the Petitioner has had any Abuſe from the Collector, he may have Recourſe to the Law for Remedy in ſuch Caſe; and as to the other Part of his ſaid Petition, they look on it as unreaſonable to be complied with.

The Petition of ſeveral Freeholders, and other Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth the Damage the Country ſuſtains by the Exportation of Deer-ſkins in the Hair, and praying that the ſaid Practice may be diſcouraged, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee appointed laid before the Houſe the Bill for making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, a Member of this Houſe, call upon *Richard Hill*, *&c.* for the Society Bill, which was delivered to them on their Requeſt; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Samuel Prieſton, a Member of Council, preſented to the Houſe a Meſſage from the Governor, together with ſome Minutes made in Council, upon a Meſſage from the *Indians*, by *Satcheecho*, which were read, and referred to a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes*, was read the ſecond Time, conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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11th Mo. 30. A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors of fraudulent Perſons, and for the Amendment of the Law of Attachments*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered in the Afternoon.

The Speaker was pleaſed to preſent to the Houſe a Paper, containing the further Sentiments of the Gentlemen, Merchants, &c. in Relation to a Paper Credit; which was read, and is as follows.

To the Honourable Houſe of REPRESENTATIVES *of the Province of* Pennſylvania.

Further Sentiments of the Gentlemen and Merchants on a Paper Credit.

IN the important Affair of a Paper Credit, now under the Conſideration of your Houſe; it is to be hoped that all honeſt Men amongſt us think of it from the ſame Principles, and with the ſame Inclinations, *viz.* to promote the true Intereſt and Reputation of this Colony.

Upon theſe Views alone, we lately took the Liberty to petition your honourable Houſe to be heard upon the Subject, and the next Day exhibited our Sentiments in Writing, drawn into ſeveral Heads, and built on ſuch ſolid Foundations of Truth, that we are well aſſured they cannot be ſhaken.

Yet as the Opinions of Men are extreamly various, and great Pains have of late been taken here, to inſtil and ſtrengthen popular Errors on that Subject; we find divers of thoſe drawn up in a Paper lately preſented to, and received by, the Houſe, containing (as it ſays) ſome conſiderations in Anſwer to our ſaid Sentiments, but truly conſiſting, in a great Meaſure, of thoſe common Miſtakes which have unhappily occaſioned ſuch Differences in Opinion, even among the Well-meaning, who we preſume all aim at the ſame Publick Good.

The more clearly therefore to manifeſt theſe popular Deceptions, to prevent the unhappy Conſequence that may attend their obtaining further Place, and more effectually to eſtabliſh the Truth and Certainty of thoſe Heads we before preſented; we humbly beg leave to offer the following Obſervations on the ſeveral Parts of that Paper, with ſome further Sentiments on the whole Matter, which we hope will be interpreted according to their true Intention, that is, to ſerve the Publick, in which we are all jointly embarked.

The Deſign of what we then exhibited to the Houſe (as is evident from all the Parts of it) was not to oppoſe a Paper Credit, but to ſhew the Danger of ill concerted Schemes, and to point out, as far as was then proper, what we conceived to be the moſt effectual Meaſures for anſwering all the juſt Ends propoſed by ſuch a Credit.

In the three firſt Articles was repreſented how much it became us, as a Government depending on *Britain*, to copy after the great Examples their Parliaments have ſet before us; particularly in theſe two Caſes of keeping our Coin conſtantly to the ſame Rates, and ſupporting the Credit of our Bills, when iſſued, equivalent to ſuch Money.

To the firſt of theſe, thoſe concerned in that Paper are obliged to concede.

To the ſecond, they anſwer with a groſs Miſtake, and an unbecoming Trifling: For it is poſitively true, that ſince the great Reformation of the *Engliſh* Coin in 1696, there has not been the leaſt Alteration in it. Guineas, which, till lately, never were a legal Tender, were limited that Year that they ſhould not, under a Penalty, be received at more than *Twenty-two Shillings* each. But no ſooner did Silver, the true lawful Money of the Kingdom, circulate freely again, which, by the great Diligence of the ſeveral Mints, they did within ſix Months after, but the People refuſed to take them at more than *Twenty-one Shillings* and *Six-pence* as formerly, at which Rate they have conſtantly continued, till the Mines of *America*, eſpecially of *Braſil*, producing much more Gold than Silver in Value, the firſt has fallen in *Europe*; on which, to prevent the Exportation of Silver, they are, by a late Act of Parliament, reduced to *Twenty-one Shillings*, and at that Rate at length made a legal Tender, that is, lawful Money of the Nation. If foreign Gold or Silver be meant, which are only Merchandize, and riſe as the Demand is for their Exportation, theſe are intirely out of the Queſtion. To the other Part, where they alledge, that the *Twelve Hundred Thouſand Pounds* did not make good all the Loſs in the Kingdom; we ſay, that our Informations are as good as any can pretend to in the Province.

That Sum, on large Trials made in the Exchequer, of the Monies received the Year before, was judged ſufficient to make good the whole Loſs, and all who brought in their Money within the Time limited, had it made good to them. 'Tis true, ſome Perſons diſaffected to the Government, and others fond of their Hoards, forbore and ſuffered accordingly: But the great Care of the Parliament, and therefore the Truth of our Aſſertion, are from hence equally clear.

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The third Head, which is the great Point of keeping up our Bills to the ſame Value with real Money, according to the Rates at which they are firſt iſſued, is alſo conceded to in general Terms, and the juſt Foundation mentioned is all that is contended for. 1722-23. *11th Mo.* 30.

But what is advanced in the fourth and fifth Articles is the grand popular Error that endangers a Diſappointment in that great End propoſed.

For no Stamp of Authority can give an intrinſick Worth where it really is not. Experience, whoſe Inſtructions even the Weakeſt may reach, will ſhew us, that Bills of Credit have been iſſued in no Place on this Continent, where they have not, ſooner or later, ſunk below the Value at which they were firſt made, and yet they all had as powerful a Stamp of Authority as any we can give. We are now upon putting in Practice a Project of the ſame Kind; it is therefore the more highly incumbent on us, prudently and adviſedly to conſider in Time, by what Means the Inconveniencies that have attended others in theirs may be prevented in our Undertaking.

The firſt Remark we offered on this Head was from this Foundation, That if the Publick, by their Terms of iſſuing their Bills, ſhew they eſtimate them at leſs than they would real Money; all Mankind, but eſpecially the Trader, whoſe Buſineſs it is to exchange his Commodity for its real Value, will naturally be taught to do the ſame. The Greatneſs of the Security makes no Manner of Difference, unleſs the Borrower of the Bills ſhould be obliged, for *One Hundred Pounds* lent in them, to repay upon that Security the like Sum in Gold or Silver, and not in the ſame Specie; for, ſhould one upon lending any Rarity of no great intrinſick Value, take a Security of *One Hundred Pounds* to have it returned, this would not add to the real Worth of the Thing lent, though it ſhew'd the Lender reſolved to have it reſtored to him. Or if a Man ſhould aſſign the Bond of another Perſon, of dubious Credit, for *One Hundred Pounds* due, for the Conſideration of *Fifty Pounds* only, to be paid by the Aſſignee in twelve Months to the Aſſignor, and for the Payment of that *Fifty Pounds* ſhould take a Mortgage or Security worth *Five Hundred Pounds*, this indeed will make the Debt of *Fifty* the more certainly good, but will not add one Farthing to the Value of the Bond aſſigned. In the ſame Manner, if a Perſon be poſſeſſed of *Fifty Pounds* in Bills of Credit, though there be a Security of *One* or *Two Hundred Pounds* given for them in the Office by the Borrower, at the firſt taking of them out, ſhould theſe Bills, for the ſame Reaſons that have prevailed in *Boſton*, and other Places, in the like Caſe, ſink in their Value, and become worth leſs than *Forty Pounds*, while in that Perſon's Hands, the Security given will in no Manner compenſate that Loſs to the Poſſeſſor; for neither he, nor even the Publick, can have any Satisfaction from the Security; becauſe, if the Borrower returns the Bills again when due from him, though they ſhould not then be worth *Twenty Pounds* of that Coin by which they were firſt rated, his Security will be entirely diſcharged by the Payment. This is moſt evident and plain to any Man of Reaſon, who will make uſe of it: But Perſons over-run with the common Notions, depending on the Applauſe of ſuch as are ready prepared to give it to every Thing favouring their own Opinions, may think it ſufficient for anſwering the moſt certain Truth, barely to deny it, and confide in the Numbers that are to ſupport their Aſſertions; which, we conceive, has been the only Motive to thoſe Perſons who drew up or preſented the Paper now under Conſideration; but the unhandſome Reflections that are caſt in that Part of it ſhall, for the preſent, be waved, and referred to the Cloſe of this, as a more proper Place.

In our fifth and ſixth Heads we aſſerted, that ſuch Schemes as were then commonly talked of were partial, weak and unjuſt, as they were intended to make Grants very beneficial to the firſt Borrower, but injurious to others: That all would equally covet the ſame Advantage; but that from the Nature of the Thing, all could not poſſibly partake of it, unleſs the Quantity of the Bills were ſo vaſt as to render them of little or no Value. The Truth of all which is ſo clear and plain, that it would be little leſs than a Mockery to human Reaſon to offer Arguments for ſupporting what, if underſtood, is ſelf-evident. But this is now entirely out of Time, the Wiſdom of the Aſſembly having admitted none of thoſe Schemes there guarded againſt; and it will be difficult to find a Reaſon for offering that Part of the Paper to the Houſe, after all the Votes that have been paſſed on this Affair, unleſs it be to prepare, with an extreme Modeſty, for another Puſh to overſet all that has hitherto been voted.

Their whole Anſwer to the ſeventh Head is grounded on another great Miſtake, in the Cauſe of the Riſe of Silver amongſt us; which is truly thus: In the Year 1709, when the Act of Parliament for reducing our Coin took Place, Silver was our common Currency, Gold being then but rarely ſeen; but as it was judged neceſſary (ſeeing the Act was ſilent in it) to make that alſo, as well as Silver, paſs current by Weight, at ſome determinate Rate; and being, at that Time, worth *Four Pounds* an Ounce, or *Four Shillings per* Pennyweight, in *Britain*, it was advanced in the ſame Proportion with Silver (*viz.* one Third) to *Five Shillings* and *Four-pence per* Pennyweight; but becauſe this Sum could not be ſo divided by Twenty-four, as to render it practicable to reckon ſingle Grains by Farthings without a Fraction, it was by common Conſent raiſed to *Five Shillings* and *Six-pence*, that a Grain

1722-23. 11*th Mo.* 30. might be accounted at *Two-pence Three-farthings*. This ſeeming ſmall Difference, with the Advance given in *England*, by the *Eaſt-India* Company, for *Spaniſh* Silver, wrought ſo great a Change in our Currency, that our Payments were moſtly made in Gold, *New-York* and *Britain* gradually exhauſting our Silver; inſomuch that, even nine or ten Years ago, *Five per Cent.* Advance was given in Gold in Exchange for *Spaniſh* Silver, though afterwards, upon a greater Importation of the latter, this Difference for ſome Time abated; but Gold having ſtill further fallen in Value in *Britain*, the Diſparity has again further increaſed; for, accounting Pieces of Eight only at *Five Shillings* and *Four-pence*, *per* Ounce, which is under a Medium for their common Price, and Gold at *Three Pounds*, *Eighteen Shillings*, which is near its preſent or late Value in *England*, an Ounce of *Spaniſh* Silver is truly equivalent to *Seven Shillings* and *Six-pence*, in Gold, at *Five Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, *per* Ounce, as we rate it. 'Tis therefore neither Avarice nor Sharping that has occaſioned this Advance in the Exchange of theſe two Metals, but the eſſential Difference in their intrinſick Value at the Market to which they are carried, which is eſtimated by Rules that ever will prevail among competent Reaſoners on the Baſis of Trade; though ſuch, as going beyond their Laſt, will meddle with Matters out of their Sphere, are uncapable of comprehending them.

But from hence a ſure Rule may be taken, in relation to Paper, That by ſo much as the Value of publick Bills ſink, by ſo much will Gold and Silver riſe in Proportion to their intrinſick Worth, as we find our Silver has done in Proportion to our Gold; and the conſtant Standard to meaſure this by, will be the Exchange between the *Engliſh* Colony, where they are made current, and *Great-Britain*. From hence, the Loſs on Bills is to be eſtimated in all Places where they paſs: The Exchange in *New-York*, before their Bills fell, *viz.* in 1716, was *Fifty per Cent.* as it alſo was in *Boſton* not long before; but ſince 1717, the Year they uttered their laſt great Quantity of Bills, it aroſe to *Sixty-five per Cent.* and in *Boſton* it is now near *One Hundred* and *Fifty per Cent.* as in *Carolina* it is from *Five* to *Six Cents.* Advance on *One Hundred Pounds Sterling*.

The Anſwer to the Eighth is of a Piece with the reſt; a preſumptuous Denial of a poſitive Truth that is in itſelf inconteſtable; for the Language of the *New-York* Bills runs thus, *viz.* for a Bill of *Twenty Shillings*; *This Bill of two Ounces, ten Pennyweight of Plate, due from the Colony of* New-York *to the Poſſeſſor thereof, ſhall be equal in Value to* Seville *Pillar or* Mexico *Plate*, &c. And yet that very Bill ſhall at this Time purchaſe very little more (if any thing) in Pieces of Eight, than two Ounces. It is therefore undeniably true, that ſuch a Bill is not equivalent to two Ounces and a Half of ſuch Plate; becauſe, being fallen from its firſt intended Value, it will not purchaſe ſo much: And it is really ſurpriſing how any Men, in direct Contradiction to common Senſe, can amuſe themſelves and others with ſuch groundleſs Notions. The Price of Goods at *New-York*, whether cheaper or dearer than at *Philadelphia*, is out of the Queſtion, unleſs it could be alledged, that a Bill of *Twenty Shillings* will purchaſe as much of thoſe Goods as can be bought with the real Weight of two Ounces and a Half of *Spaniſh* Silver, which the boldeſt Aſſertor will ſcarce venture to affirm.

We further beg Leave to obſerve on their Anſwer to the three laſt Articles;

Firſt, That to ſupply the Want of a Medium for Commerce, is the honeſt Intention of the Propoſal for Bills of Credit, and not to diſcharge the Debts of thoſe who want Means from the Publick to get clear of them.

Secondly, All Bills, Bonds, *&c.* on an equal Security, are the more valued the ſooner they become due, and the ſooner Publick Bills are to ſink, the greater will be their Credit. 'Tis true, that the longer the Time is, the more eaſy it may ſeem to the firſt Borrower; but in the whole Courſe of the Bills, after their ſecond Payment, this will but diminiſh their Credit. If eight Years be preferable to Five, becauſe of the Length of the Time, the ſame Argument may be urged for Sixteen or Twenty.

Thirdly, It is extreamly mannerly (we grant) to leave it entirely to the Aſſembly to conſider the Manner of ſinking the Bills; but this Complaiſance, 'tis doubted, is more owing to an Unconcernedneſs in that Point, when or whether ever they ſink, provided they are once obtained, than to any real Modeſty; otherwiſe it was certainly a Breach of that, after the Houſe had voted both the Sum and the Time, not to acquieſce in their Wiſdom, but to ſollicit an Enlargement.

We pay as great a Deference, may it pleaſe the Houſe, to the Legiſlative Authority, as any others; yet we well know their Wiſdom will influence them to lend conſtantly an open Ear to all neceſſary Hints from without Doors, that may contribute any Advantage to the important Affairs brought from time to time under their Conſideration.

From hence it is that we ſhall yet crave Liberty to offer our further Sentiments, not only in relation to a paper Credit, but upon ſome other Points that nearly concern the Proſperity of this Colony.

Such Bills we find have been iſſued in *America* on two different Foundations; the one has been to raiſe a large Sum immediately on the Credit of future Taxes, Duties, *&c.* by which they were to be regularly ſunk in Time; the other, to be lent out on Securities, and

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to be ſunk by the Borrowers repaying them into the Treaſury. Thoſe of *New-York* and *South-Carolina*, were by the firſt Method; and thoſe of *New-England* and *Rhode-Iſland*, by the ſecond. 1722-23. 11th Mo. 30.

In *Carolina* they were obliged, for the Defence of their Town and Country, againſt ſome threatened Invaſions, to raiſe an immenſe Sum for ſo ſmall a Colony, vaſtly exceeding the Occaſions they had for a Currency, eſpecially ſince their Rice, which Foreigners come to carry away, will purchaſe moſt of the Goods they want; and this ſunk the Credit of their Bills to the low State they were depreſſed to. In *New-York* their firſt Bills, raiſed by the ſame Method, *viz.* by anticipating the Duties, by which they were to be ſunk again, kept up their Credit; and becauſe of the Certainty of their terminating, and the Quantity being moderate for a Place of ſuch large and extended Commerce, they continued of equal Value with their current Silver, until, in the Year 1717, they iſſued another large Sum, and for a longer Time, upon which their Credit immediatly fell to a Diſparity with their real Money.

Farther to the Eaſtward, their Bills being iſſued on Loans only, by which Method they cannot be calſed in with ſo much Certainty, they conſequently fell more than one Third below the Value, at which they were firſt ſtruck, and the ſame may be expected from the like Meaſures to happen here; for, ſeeing very few Borrowers are found to diſcharge their Mortgages to private Perſons in Time, and according to Contract, it will be expected that the Publick, to whom ſuch loud Cries are raiſed for Succour to the Diſtreſſed, will rather be more indulgent than rigorous to their humble Supplicants.

It will therefore be evident, that to keep up the Credit of Bills, the Quantity muſt be moderate, and ſhould be ſomewhat under a Sufficiency for a circulating Currency, that we may, as they do in *New-York*, contrive Means to ſupply ourſelves with ſome Quantities of Caſh, which is a real Treaſure in a Country, while Bills are no more than borrowing from one another, without adding one Penny to the Wealth or Stock of the Colony; and next, that a Certainty of their being ſunk in a reaſonable Time, will principally contribute to ſupport that Credit.

It was obſerved before in the laſt Article preſented by us to the Houſe, that ſuch Meaſures ought to be taken for this as ſhall render it abſolutely neceſſary for the Publick, that the Bills ſhall be ſunk regularly.

It is therefore, upon the whole, with all due Submiſſion, propoſed to the Conſideration of the Houſe, whether it may not be rather requiſite to retrench the Quantity laſt voted, than to augment it as ſome deſire, conſidering that *Ten Pounds* of that Currency will probably circulate more and faſter than *Twenty* or *Thirty* of Gold or Silver; becauſe the latter has a conſtant intrinſick Value, while the other, more ſubject to Change, and deſigned only for a Medium of Commerce, will be more briſkly ſhifted from Hand to Hand to anſwer that Purpoſe? And whether the following Methods of applying it may not render it more ſerviceable, *viz.* That ſeeing the Publick is now, by the Treaſurer's Account, beſides ſome other Sums not yet ſettled, above *One Thouſand Six Hundred Pounds* in Debt, and the Support for the enſuing Year is yet to be provided for, a Sum of about *Three Thouſand Pounds* be paid out of the Bills, to be ſunk by an Exciſe, or ſuch other Method as the Houſe ſhall beſt approve of, for returning that Sum, in three, four, or five Years, as ſhall be judged moſt convenient.

That a Sum, ſufficient to finiſh the Priſon and Work-houſe of *Philadelphia*, be lent out of the Bills to the City and County, to be returned into the Treaſury by a yearly Tax on the Inhabitants, not exceeding *One Penny per Pound*, till the ſaid Sum be diſcharged; the preſent Taxes of *Three-pence per Pound* being too heavy, in theſe difficult Times, for the People to bear.

That the reſt be lent out, as is already propoſed in the Houſe, on good and unqueſtionable Securities at the Intereſt agreed on; but for the better aſſuring their Sinking, that all publick Monies raiſed by any Taxes, Exciſe, or Duties whatſoever, be paid into the reſpective Treaſuries only in that Specie, to be there ſunk; and the full Value of ſuch publick Monies be made good out of the Sums paid in by the Borrowers, whether in Coin, Paper, or Country Produce, to anſwer the Ends for which the ſame was raiſed; by which Means, the Bills muſt neceſſarily be ſunk, and the Payments be duly made by the Borrowers, without any Excuſe or Favour.

That for the more effectual Support of the Credit of the Bills, *Six-pence* in the *Pound* be allowed to the Perſon who pays them in, as publick Money, to be made good out of the Intereſt paid by the Borrower.

Theſe Meaſures, may it pleaſe the Houſe, it is believed, will very much contribute to anſwer the juſt Ends propoſed by the Bills, with the leaſt Injury or Loſs to the Receivers.

The Reflections in this laſt Paper, as well as others, which have induſtriouſly been rendered popular, ſhall be anſwered, by ſhewing, from the State of the Country, how deſtructive to its true Intereſt that Spirit is, to which too many appear to have reſigned themſelves, that thoſe who are ſincerely well affected to the Publick may, with a more diſtinguiſhing

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1722-23. 11*th Mo.* 30. Judgment, obſerve the Meaſures by which our common Intereſt may be moſt effectually promoted; for which End, we beg Leave to add the following Remarks, *viz.*

That this ſmall Colony, conſiſting, at preſent, only of three Counties, and of no extraordinary Soil, ſituate on but one Side of one navigable River, is therefore inferior in natural Advantages to all others around us; and having no Produce but what other Colonies, more commodiouſly ſituated, not only rival us in, but of late have outdone us; we cannot therefore equally flouriſh with others, unleſs we compenſate thoſe natural Defects by ſuch Improvements in Induſtry, and other good Qualities, as may deſervedly acquire us a Reputation.

That the Huſbandman and Merchant are the principal Supporters of the Colony, from whom all other Kinds of Buſineſs among us receive their Encouragement; the one raiſing the Produce, and the other exporting it by Navigation.

That by the common Methods of our Trade, for want of a Vent Abroad for our Wheat, and what is manufactured from it, we can never become conſiderable; and therefore it is neceſſary that the Countryman ſhould endeavour for ſome other Improvements, and the Merchant labour to find out new Channels for Commerce, by purſuing it in all the Branches that may lie open to us in other Countries, for both theſe will ever, in Reality, have a natural Dependance on each other.

That it is an Unhappineſs to this Country, that there are not more wealthy Men in Trade, who, by large Stocks, could force ſuch an extended Commerce as in *New-York* and *Boſton*; for by theſe Means more Shipping, and therefore more Workmen and People would be employ'd, and both a greater Exportation and Conſumption of the Country Produce, to the Encouragement of the Farmer, would be occaſioned by it.

That it has ever been accounted a great Advantage to a Country, to have Men in it who can ſupply others with Money in their Neceſſities, on ſuch Terms as the Laws approve; for from ſuch Opportunities the Induſtrious and Ingenious, who for want of ſomething in their Hands, might be ever tied down to Poverty, may find Means to raiſe themſelves (as many have done) to Fortunes, and a Capacity of being extremely uſeful: From hence many have received vaſt Advantages, by compaſſing Bargains, that otherwiſe they muſt for ever have gone without. In ſhort, there is nothing more equitable, than that the Active and Induſtrious ſhould, for a moderate Conſideration, have the Uſe of other Mens Stocks, who, either for want of Skill or Inclination, cannot employ it themſelves.

That the Wealth of a Country conſiſts in the Riches of its Inhabitants, and the richer every Country is, the better it is for a poor Man to live in. All theſe being unqueſtionable Truths, it is aſtoniſhing to conſider, while we have ſcarce one Man in the Country that can be accounted rich, when compared with divers in other Colonies; while the Province really ſuffers for want of more Men of Ability to promote its Intereſt, and enlarge its Commerce, on which great Numbers of the People have their Dependance; while Money can ſcarce be had on any Terms, to lend or borrow, and ſeldom ever could be obtained on Loan, but by Intreaty, and with Solicitation: It is aſtoniſhing, we ſay, to conſider how 'tis poſſible that there ſhould be any amongſt us, who, in Deſpite of common Senſe, will ſuffer themſelves to be miſled into ſuch a Spirit of Malignity, as in direct Oppoſition to the Intereſt of the Whole, to inſult and abuſe thoſe few in the Place, who are the moſt capable of promoting that Intereſt; to return Reproaches for what was obtained by Prayer, and under the endearing Appearance of Popularity, to ſtrike at the very Sinews of a Country's Strength, and the evident Means of its Proſperity, in which all would, according to their Ranks, be more or leſs Partakers.

We humbly crave the Houſe's Excuſe for theſe Obſervations, which the unhappy prevailing Humour of the Time (as this honourable Houſe, from the laſt and other Applications, cannot but be ſenſible) has rendered neceſſary, for rectifying the diſtemper'd Notions of the Miſguided. On which, no better Advice (we conceive) can be recommended to ſuch Perſons, than that of the Apoſtle, *viz. To follow after the Things which make for their Peace; to ſtudy to be quiet, and to do their own Buſineſs*, &c. as he has commanded, *Rom.* xiv. 19. 1 *Theſſ.* iv. 11.

Although, it is true, we are at preſent very poor, yet Love and Unity appears not leſs wanting amongſt us than Money; and while we are applying to the Legiſlature for Means to ſupply the one, if we could be ſo happy as to join in the other, it would more effectually render it eaſy to this honourable Houſe to provide for our publick Neceſſities, which that we may, is the earneſt Deſire of their moſt faithful Friends.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of the Bill for making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* of Bills of Credit, already voted, be altered to a leſſer Sum? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered,

Ordered, That the Houſe enter on the further Debate of the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1722-23. 11*th Mo.* 30. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 11*th Mo.* 31.

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of the Bill for making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

After Debate on a Clauſe in the ſaid Bill, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Puniſhment to be inflicted, by Virtue of this Act, on the Forgers, &c. of Bills of Credit, ſhall not be the Pains and Penalty of Felony, without Benefit of Clergy? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That a Committee of this Houſe, which ſhall at any time, or from time to time, be appointed for that Purpoſe, ſhall have Power to audit the Accounts of the Truſtees of the General Loan Office, and make their Report to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe entered on the further Conſideration of the Bill for making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds.*

After Debate on a Clauſe, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Truſtees or Commiſſioners of the General Loan Office, beſides taking their Oaths or Affirmations, ſhall give *Five Hundred Pounds* Security for the true Performance of their Truſt? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill for making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, now read the ſecond Time, may (with the Alterations, Amendments, and Additions, now made) be recommitted to the Members, to draw up the ſame accordingly, with the Advice of the Attorney-General, or any other Perſon ſkilled in the Law? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of *William Alexander*, Comptroller of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms of this Province, requeſting that the Perquiſites and Fees, belonging to his Office, may be augmented; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 12*th Mo.* 1.

The Petition of *Aquilla Roſe*, requeſting that a Ferry, at *Philip England*'s old Ferry-place, over *Schuylkill*, may be confirmed to him by a Law; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, 1. That a Freeholder, within the Intent of this Act, directing the Proceſs of Summons, ſhall be two Years a Reſident of this Province, and have fifty Acres of Land in Fee-ſimple, ten Acres whereof cleared; or a Houſe worth *Fifty Pounds* in ſome City or Townſhip of this Province. 2. That no Juſtice ſhall ſign a Writ againſt a Freeholder till he has ſworn, or affirm'd the Plantiff, that the Defendant, in ſuch Writ contained, has not an Eſtate ſufficient to pay his Debts, or has made over his Eſtate, or any Part thereof, or is gone with a Deſign to defraud his Creditors, under the Penalty of *Ten Pounds*. And, 3*dly*, That if the Perſon ſo taken in Execution be one of the Aſſembly, or Council, he ſhall be immediately releaſed, the Sheriff fined, and the Judgment remain in *Statu quo.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill for directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders, with the Amendment and Additions now made, be recommitted, to be drawn up accordingly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The latter Part of the further Sentiments of *James Logan*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

The Members of this Houſe, Burgeſſes of the City of *Philadelphia*, report, that the Mayor of that City had requeſted, and laid his Injunctions on them accordingly, that they would move the Houſe to be pleaſed to lend the ſaid City and County the Sum of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds* in Bills of Credit, without Intereſt, to diſcharge their preſent Debts and Incumbrances; and that the Sum ſhall be punctually paid again by the Corporation and County by a proper Tax for that Purpoſe.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds*, in Bills of Credit, be taken out of the *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* already voted to be made current, to be diſpoſed of as this Houſe thinks fit to diſcharge the Publick Debts, &c. *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 12*th Mo.* 2.

The Governor's Meſſage to this Houſe of the Twenty-ninth of *January*, was read the the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

1722-23. 12*th Mo.* 2. The Minute of Yeſterday being read, that the Sum of *Three Thouſand Pounds* be taken out of the *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* of Bills of Credit, already voted to be made current, to be diſpoſed of as this Houſe thinks fit to diſcharge the Publick Debts, *&c.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the aforeſaid Reſolve or Clauſe ſhall be delivered to the Committee before appointed, to be drawn up and made Part of the Bill accordingly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of divers Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, That the laying a much leſs Duty than hath been laid on Rum, *&c.* will raiſe more Money towards the Support of Government, than ſo large an Impoſition hath done, and be beneficial to the whole Body of the People; alſo, requeſting that the Owners of Veſſels, reſiding in this Province, may have Encouragement by leſs Duty on their Veſſels; and that Factors not reſiding here may pay a Duty according to their Goods imported, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Aquilla Roſe*, for a Ferry over *Schuylkill*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered:

Ordered, That the Petitioner have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Requeſt of the ſaid Petition.

Ordered, That the Committee, before appointed, draw up a Bill for the Puniſhment of ſuch Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall counterfeit the Bills of Credit now to be made current.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, That the further Sentiments of *James Logan*, &c. be imprinted with the Votes of this Houſe? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till the fourth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment. 12 *Mo.* 4. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 5. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to make Country Produce a lawful Tender*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

After Debate on a Clauſe, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Country Produce ſhall be a Tender and lawful Pay, as well before Commencement of Actions as after? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be altered accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill now read the ſecond Time, to make Country Produce a lawful Tender, ſhall be paſſed into a Law, with the Amendment now made, and recommitted accordingly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands and Lots of the* Free Society *of Traders, in* Pennſylvania, *in Truſtees, to be ſold*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be committed to *Robert Jones*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, in order to be drawn up accordingly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of divers Merchants and Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, praying, that a leſs Duty may be laid on Rum, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Veſſels that are built in this Province, and trade to and from the Port of *Philadelphia*, ſhall have Leave to bring in Melaſſes Duty-free? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Strangers, importing Goods into this Province, ſhall pay *Five per Cent.* on the Sales of the Goods ſo imported, unleſs they build Veſſels, or ſhip off the Country Produce, in Return for the neat Proceeds of the ſaid Goods, and then the Duty wholly to abate? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Brewers of this Province come under a Qualification, by Oath or Affirmation, to make Beer without Melaſſes, *&c.* according to the Direction of an Act made in that Caſe laſt Seſſion of Aſſembly? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 6. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed, report, that the Bills re-committed to them will be ready to lay before the Houſe this Afternoon.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Relief of Creditors of fraudulent Perſons, and for the Amendment of the Law about Attachments*, was read the ſecond Time, conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the further Debate of the Bill for the Relief of Creditors of fraudulent Perſons, *&c.* after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid

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said Bill, with the Amendments now made, be committed to a Committee of this House, in order to have it drawn up accordingly, with the Advice of the Chief Justice, or others learned in the Law? *It passed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Benjamin Vining*, be a Committee for that Purpose.

The Petition of several Tradesmen, and other Inhabitants of this Province, praying, that the Exportation of Deer-skins in the Hair may be discouraged, *&c.* was read the second Time, considered, and ordered to be laid aside as impracticable.

The Committee appointed to draw up the Amendments to the Bill for the Issuing Bills of Credit, laid the said Bill before the House, drawn up accordingly, by the Advice of the Attorney-General, in order for a third Reading.

The Petition of several Inhabitants of the County of *Chester*, in Relation to bound Servant Women having Bastard Children, *&c.* was read the third Time, and considered; after Debate,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this House, that the Law already made is sufficient in that Case; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 7.

The House met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the third Time, and considered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Sum of *Twenty Pounds* each be a Reward given to the Signers of the Bills of Credit to be nominated by this House, for their Trouble of signing the said Bills? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Trustees of the General Loan-Office shall give a greater Security than the *Five Hundred Pounds* already agreed on? *It passed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That the said Bill be further considered this Afternoon; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, *&c.*

The Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, requesting that the Ferry from *High-street*, over *Schuylkill*, may be vested in the said Commonalty, for the better Management of the said Ferry, and in no other Person, was presented to the House, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The House entered on the further Consideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*; and having made some Progress in the said Bill, it was ordered that the said Bill be further considered and debated To-morrow Morning; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 8.

The House met, *&c.*

The House entered on the further Debate of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thousand Pounds *in Bills of Credit.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that the Method of suing the Mortgages, (to be specified in this Bill, for issuing Bills of Credit) shall be by a *Scire Facias*? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Question put, that only one Half the Fees, as by Law established, shall be paid to the Sheriff, and other Officers, for all Writs of *Scire Facias*, *Levari Facias*, &c. or other Writs and Charges of Prosecution whatsoever, in suing the Mortgages for Bills of Credit? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the further Consideration of the Bill for issuing Bills of Credit, be referred to this Afternoon.

The Petition of *William Field*, praying to be appointed one of the Pilots of this Port, was presented to the House, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.*

The House met, *&c.*

The House entered on the further Consideration of the Bill for issuing Bills of Credit.

After some Debate, a Motion was made, and the Question put, that *Fifty Pounds per Annum* shall be allowed to each of the Trustees appointed by this Act for the Management of the Bills of Credit in the Loan-Office to be erected? *It passed in the Affirmative.*

The House entered on the Consideration of proper Persons to be appointed Signers of the Bills of Credit to be emitted; and, after some Time,

Resolved, That *Charles Read*, *Francis Rawle*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, be appointed Signers accordingly.

After some Debate, of four Persons to be appointed Trustees of the Loan-Office to be erected; *Samuel Carpenter*, a Member of this House, was unanimously chosen one of the Trustees aforesaid.

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Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 8. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

12th Mo. 9.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to rectify Proceedings upon Attachments*, was brought in by the Committee, which is referred to another Time for a third Reading.

After ſome Debate, of three Perſons more to be appointed Truſtees of the Loan-Office, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *William Fiſhbourn* be appointed one of the Truſtees aforeſaid? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Jeremiah Langhorne* be appointed one of the Truſtees aforeſaid? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Nathaniel Newlin* be appointed one of the Truſtees aforeſaid? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, now read the third Time, with the Amendments, ſhall paſs into a Law? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed by the Clerk, to be laid before the Houſe at their next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the eleventh Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

12th Mo 11. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A fair Copy of the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit being tranſcribed,

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Charles Read*, *William Biles*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 12.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to carry the Bill for a Paper Currency to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame to the Governor accordingly; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider it deliberately in Council.

The Petition of *John Baldwin*, for the Ferry over *Neſhaminey* Creek, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered; alſo,

The Petition of *Joſeph Growdon*, for the Ferry over *Neſhaminey* Creek, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

After ſome Debate on both Petitions, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Joſeph Growdon*, have Leave to bring in a Bill for the Settlement of the ſaid Ferry, with a Draught of the Conveniency of it? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of the Mayor and Commonalty of the City of *Philadelphia*, requeſting, that the Ferry from *High-ſtreet*, over *Schuylkill*, may be veſted in them, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That Leave be given to the Mayor and Commonalty to bring in a Bill according to the Requeſt of the ſaid Petition, the former Petitioner, *Aquilla Roſe*, delaying his Bill on purpoſe, and ſubmitting to the Opinion of the Houſe in it.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *John Kearſley*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to draw up a Bill to reduce the Intereſt of Money to *Six per Cent.* and to make a Supplement to the Acts of Impoſt and Exciſe, purſuant to the Reſolves of this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*, be a Committee to draw up a Supplement to the Act for making good Beer, *&c.* and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe, met, *&c.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Gold ſhall paſs by Law at *Six Shillings per* Pennyweight, and *Engliſh Shillings* at *Eighteen-pence*, and other *Engliſh* Coin proportionable? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to rectify Proceedings upon Attachments*, being read the third Time, with Amendments;

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Committee appointed laid before the Houſe two Bills, one intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Intereſt of Money*; and the other, an Act for repealing a Clauſe in an Act of this Province, made in the eighth Year of his preſent Majeſty, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province*; which were read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill for eſtabliſhing ſkilful Pilots for navigating Veſſels in the Bay and River of *Delaware*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 13.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed laid the Society Bill before the Houſe, with ſome Amendments offered by the Proprietary's Agents; and the ſaid Committee propoſe, and think it reaſonable,

ſonable, that the Perſons in Truſt ſhould be under a Qualification, by Oath or Affirmation, to obſerve the Directions of that Act; and that the Obſervations made by the Proprietary Agents, that a ſufficient Security is very reaſonable; which Bill was read the third Time, Paragraph by Paragraph. 1722-23. 12th Mo. 13.

Reſolved, That only four Truſtees be appointed as Managers of the Stock of the ſaid Society, two of which Truſtees to be intereſted in the ſaid Stock, and the other two not.

After ſome Debate on proper Perſons to be choſen Truſtees,

Reſolved, That *Charles Read*, *Job Goodſon*, *Evan Owen*, and *George Fiſhwater*, be appointed the four Truſtees for managing the Affairs of the ſaid Society.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Society Bill, now read the third Time, with the Amendments, be paſſed into a Law? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for making ſeveral Species of the Product of this Province a lawful Tender*; was read the third Time, deliberately conſidered and amended; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Intereſt of Money*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the firſt Paragraph of the ſaid Bill ſhall not be altered? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be re-committed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative:* And the ſame was re-committed accordingly; and then the Houſe adjonrned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 14.

A Bill for altering the preſent Affirmation, which, by a Minute of the Twenty-ninth of *January*, was deferred to a further Conſideration on the ſecond Reading, was again read, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the third Paragraph of the Bill, now read, ſhall not be altered? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the fourth Paragraph of the Bill, now read, ſhall not be altered? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, being now read the ſecond Time, be re-committed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Encouragement of Trade*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor's Speech to this Houſe, the ſecond of *January*, was again read, and conſidered, and ordered to be again conſidered To-morrow.

Ordered, That the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees be committed to *John Swift*, *Robert Jones*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, who have it in Charge to inſpect the Laws for Fees in this and the adjacent Provinces, and regulate the ſaid Bill, fit to lay before this Houſe for a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 15.

The Bill to repeal a Clauſe in the Act for Exciſe, was read the ſecond Time, and re-committed.

Reſolved, That all Taverners, and publick Houſe-keepers, ſhall pay Exciſe for all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, ſold by them; and that no other Perſon whatſoever ſhall ſell leſs than one Gallon of Wine, Rum, Brandy or other Spirits, without Licence.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Intereſt of Money*, was read the third Time, and amended.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, was read the third Time, and ordered to be further conſidered.

James Logan, and *Andrew Hamilton*, two Members of Council, preſented to the Houſe the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit, with the Amendments of the Governor and Council, together with a written Meſſage from the Governor, which was read, and is as follows.

1722-23. 12*th Mo.* 15. Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'YOU will herewith receive the Bill you ſent up to me for emitting a Paper Currency; with ſome few Amendments, which by the deliberate and unanimous Advice of the Council, have been thought very neceſſary to be made in a Matter of ſuch Importance to this Province.

'Moſt certainly the publick Credit of any Country is always ſtrengthened by the Unanimity of the Legiſlature in all their Proceedings; wherefore I would heartily recommend it to you on this Occaſion, and even beſeech you not to entertain amongſt you any Suſpicion or Jealouſy whatſoever, but calmly to conſider theſe Amendments as material Points, for the better effecting what the whole People, as well as your Houſe, ſeem ſo earneſtly to deſire.

'Gentlemen, I have not actually made an Amendment to the Bill concerning my Salary or Support for the current Year, becauſe I have not the leaſt Doubt of your good Intentions towards me, and I judged that ſuch an appropriating Clauſe would come more regularly and decently from yourſelves: However, that a perfect good Underſtanding between us may be carefully preſerved, I take this Occaſion to acquaint you, that, after having ordered a ſufficient Quantity of Bills to pay all the Debts of the Treaſury, I do expect that you will next appropriate my Salary, to be paid down in the ſame Specie, preferable to any other Sums which you may think fit to be iſſued out of the Loan-Office; for I not only conceive that the Impoſt, Exciſe, and *Negroe* Acts, will be ſufficient to ſink the Bills ſo iſſued for publick Services, but am ſenſible that the Money coming into my Hands will preſently circulate Abroad amongſt the People to their Satisfaction.'

February, 15, 1722-23. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Governor and Council to the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit.

After Debate on an Amendment, marked with (b) as a Letter of Reference to the Act, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a greater Security be given by the Truſtees? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

After Debate on Letter (e) a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Paragraph ſhall ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 16.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the Amendments be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the further Conſideration of the Amendments made by the Governor and Council on the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit.

After a Debate on Letter (f) a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Paragraph ſhall ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

After a Debate on Letter (k 3) a Motion was made and the Queſtion put, that *One Thouſand Pounds* be taken out of the Loan-Office, to be lodged in the Treaſury, to be diſpoſed of, to anſwer the Publick Debts, as the Aſſembly thinks fit? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe having gone through the other Amendments of the ſaid Bill,

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *John Kearſley*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence; together with his Aſſent to the following Bills, *viz.* The Society Bill; to rectify Proceedings upon Attachments; to regulate the Intereſt of Money; and to make Country Produce a lawful Tender.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and others, concerned in the Manufacture of Bread and Flour, complaining of great Abuſes committed in the Manufacturing of theſe Commodities, which the Law, now in Force, is not found ſufficient to reſtrain, notwithſtanding the utmoſt Diligence of the preſent Officer; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that this Houſe adjourn to the Twenty-fifth Inſtant? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Thomas Yardley*, wait on the Governor, and deſire his Approbation of the propoſed Adjournment: Who return, and report, that the Governor conſents to the Time propoſed; and then the Houſe adjourned to the Twenty-fifth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

12*th Mo.* 25. *Poſt Meridiem.*

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment, and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 26.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed the ſixteenth Inſtant to carry the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit back to the Governor for his Concurrence, together with four other Bills, report, that they delivered

delivered them to the Governor accordingly; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſame. 1722-23.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, and ordered to be further conſidered in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. *12th Mo.* 26. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſeveral Citizens, and Freeholders of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, how detrimental it will prove to almoſt Two Hundred and Fifty Perſons, now under Arreſt, if Judgment ſhould paſs this next Court, and Execution follow, by their being obliged to pay their Debts in Silver and Gold, when none is to be had; and praying that Judgment may be ſtopped; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees on the ſecond Reading.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Attornies and Practitioners of the Law ſhall come under a Qualification for the true Performance of their Office, according to the beſt of their Skill and Knowledge? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments now made, be re-committed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *William Biles*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe having ſat long, and wanting to diſpatch the Buſineſs lying before them, deſire to know, particularly, if he has finiſhed his Conſiderations on the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit, and the reſt of the Bills now lying before him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 27.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, return, and report, that they waited on him accordingly; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he had conſidered all the Bills except one, and that the Houſe might expect a Meſſage from him this Morning.

The Petition of ſeveral Citizens and Freeholders of the City of *Philadelphia*, requeſting, that Judgment and Execution may be reſpited for ſome Time; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants, and others, concerned in the Manufacture of Bread and Flour, complaining of great Abuſes committed in the Manufacturing of thoſe Commodities, which the Law, now in Force, is not ſufficient to reſtrain; was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

A Motion being made, and the Queſtion put, that Leave be given to the Petitioners to bring in a Bill according to the Requeſt of the ſaid Petition? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the *High-ſtreet*, over *Schuylkill*, being preſented to the Houſe, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor returned to the Houſe the following Bills, with his Propoſals of Amendments, *viz.* An Act for emitting and making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit; An Act for rectifying Proceedings upon Attachments; An Act for reducing the Intereſt of Money from *Eight* to *Six per Cent.* and, An Act for making ſeveral Species of the Country Product a lawful Tender; together with a written Meſſage from the Governor, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'YOU will herewith receive ſome Bills, with ſome Obſervations made by the Council, who deſire that you will pleaſe to appoint a Committee of your Houſe to confer with them in my Preſence, upon thoſe Points wherein you ſeem to differ in Sentiments. Governor's Meſſage.

'I daily perceive more and more that the People languiſh, for want of ſome Currency to revive Trade and Buſineſs, which at preſent is wholly at a Stand; wherefore I am of Opinion, that all the Diſpatch imaginable ought to be given to the Paper Bill, which I am ready to paſs as ſoon as you pleaſe to bring it up; for I think the urgent Neceſſities of the whole People moſt juſtly gives it a Preference to all other Buſineſs.

'Gentlemen, I ſhould be wanting to expreſs that ſincere Confidence which I have always had in the Peoples Repreſentatives, if I did not likewiſe acquaint you, that, upon Application made to me, I thought fit to move the Council for a ſhort Bill, to ſuſpend all Executions upon Judgment, until the next *May* and *June* Courts, without touching the Proceſs, or affecting the Securities either given, or to be given, by the Defendants, according to the common Courſe of Law; but the Council being of Opinion, that there was no Neceſſity for it, ſince every Creditor who, at this Juncture, had obtained Judgment for his Debt, would certainly, of his own Good-will, and Tenderneſs towards his poor

'Debtor,

1722-23, 12th Mo. 27. 'Debtor, reſpite the Taking out Execution, until the Currency intended was effectually 'emitted, I did not further inſiſt upon it; and if you be of the ſame Sentiments, I am very 'well ſatisfied.

February 27, 1722-23. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the Bill for reducing the Intereſt of Money were read, and unanimouſly agreed to.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem,* *Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of appointing a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, in the Preſence of the Governor, in relation to the Bills now returned to the Houſe, with Propoſals of Amendment, and

Reſolved, That the Speaker, *John Swift*, *Francis Rawle*, *Robert Jones*, *John Kearſley*, *Charles Read*, *Benjamin Vining*, *William Biles*, *Daniel Williamſon*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, be a Committee to attend the ſaid Conference.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe have appointed a Committee to confer with a Committee of the Council, in his Preſence, as he deſired, who are ready to attend the ſaid Conference when, and where, the Governor will pleaſe to appoint: Who returned, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor deſires the Committee to attend the Conference at his own Houſe, at Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for reſpiting Executions upon certain Judgments of Courts in this Province*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, was read the third Time.

After ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Governor's Council be omitted in the Bill now read? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. 12th Mo. 28. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Bill, now read and amended, be committed to *Robert Jones*, and *Charles Read*, to be drawn up according to the Amendments now made, in order to be further conſidered; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for reſpiting Executions upon certain Judgments of Courts in this Province*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered, and ordered a third Reading.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* A Meſſage from the Governor, deſiring the Attendance of the Committee appointed to confer with a Committtee of the Council forthwith; and the Committee attended accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Speaker reported from the Committee who attended the Conference, that they had conferred with the Council in the Governor's Preſence accordingly; and the Governor and Council's Amendments to the Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit, and the Anſwer of this Houſe thereto being read, the Speaker was pleaſed to deliver the Sentiments of the Council on the Articles not agreed to, which were immediately conſidered again by the Houſe, and debated.

After Debate on the Paragraph marked (b) a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Paragraph ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

After Debate on the Paragraph marked (e) a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Paragraph ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

After a Debate on Letter (f) a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Country Produce be ſtruck out of the Bill, according to the Governor's Amendments? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 1. The Houſe having gone through the Conſiderations offered by the Governor and Council in Conference this Day with the Committee appointed, adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Aſſembly's Reſolves, in Anſwer to the Propoſitions of Amendments offered in the Conference at the Council Table Yeſterday, being read,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, carry the ſaid Reſolves to the Governor, with the ſaid Bill for iſſuing Bills of Credit, and deſire his ſpeedy Concurrence; together with the Bills, intituled, *An Act to rectify Proceedings upon Attachments*; and *An Act for reducing the Intereſt of Money from* Eight *to* Six per Cent. with their Amendments: Who return, and report, that they preſented the ſaid Bills, with the Amendments, to the Governor accordingly; who was pleaſed to agree to the ſame, and returned them back to this Houſe, in order to be ingroſſed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for reſpiting Executions upon certain Judgments of Courts in this Province*, was read the third Time, and conſidered.

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A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1722-23.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed. 1ſt Mo. 1.

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait upon the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deſire his Concurrence.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, was read the third Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Members appointed to carry the Bill for reſpiting Executions to the Governor, return, and report, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would call his Council this Afternoon, and conſider the ſame, in order to be ingroſſed and publiſhed To-morrow.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Hugh Evans*, carry the Bill for Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for making Country Product a lawful Tender being not allowed, and returned to the Houſe by the Governor and Council, was again read, and conſidered.

After Debate on the firſt Paragraph, that the Commodities made a lawful Tender, be delivered at the County Town where the Creditor lives, *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

After Debate on the Commodities to be a lawful Tender, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Wheat, Flour, Tobacco, Hemp, and barrell'd Pork, fit for Exportation, be a lawful Tender? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 1ſt Mo. 2.

The Governor returned to the Houſe the Bills, intituled, *An Act for reſpiting Executions upon certain Judgments of Courts in this Province*; and *an Act for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands and Lots of the* Free Society *of Traders, in* Pennſylvania, *in Truſtees, to be ſold*, &c. with the Amendments made by the Governor thereto.

The Amendment of the Governor to the Bill for reſpiting Executions being read, the Houſe unanimouſly agreed to the ſaid Amendment, and the Bill was amended accordingly.

The Amendment of the Governor to the Society Bill being read, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Joſeph Pidgeon* be added to the Truſtees of the ſaid Society, according to the Governor's Amendment? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Governor's other Amendment to the ſaid Bill be agreed to? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And the ſaid Bill was altered accordingly.

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor, and inform him, that the Houſe agrees to his Propoſals of Amendment to the ſaid Bills; and this Houſe deſires to know when the Governor will be pleaſed to be waited on with the ingroſſed Bills now ready: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Bills, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to approve the ſame, and return them back to this Houſe; and that the Governor would, in Half an Hour's Time, appoint two Members of Council to examine the Bills, in order to have them ſigned by him this Afternoon.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, *Charles Read*, *John Kearſley*, and *Samuel Carpenter*, be a Committee to reviſe the following ingroſſed Bills with a Committee of Council, in order to be publiſhed this Afternoon, *viz.*

1. An Act for the Emitting and making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit.

2. An Act to rectify Proceedings upon Attachments.

3. An Act for reducing the Intereſt of Money from *Eight* to *Six per Cent. per Annum.*

4. An Act for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands and Lots of the *Free Society* of Traders, in *Pennſylvania*, in Truſtees, to be ſold, *&c.*

5. An Act for reſpiting Executions upon certain Judgments of Courts in this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to reviſe the Laws with a Committee of Council, brought the ſaid Laws to the Houſe reviſed accordingly.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Benjamin Vining*, go to the Governor, and acquaint him, that the ingroſſed Bills being now reviſed, and ready, the Houſe deſires to know his Pleaſure when he will pleaſe to be waited on, in order to have them paſſed into Laws; and there being an Overſight in the Clerkſhip of the Paper Bill, that he be deſired to concur to its being amended: Who return, and report, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had waited ſome Time for the ſame Purpoſe, with his Council, and agreed that the Overſight of Clerkſhip ſhould be amended. Accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe,

1722-23. 1st Mo. 2. waited on the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills, ſigned in the Houſe by the Speaker; and being returned, the Governor ſent a Meſſage by *John Swift*, That he deſired the Houſe would give Orders to the Truſtees for their Management in the Bills of Credit to be prepared by them.

Reſolved, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *William Fiſhbourn*, *Jeremiah Langborne*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office of this Province, and every and either of them, do forthwith treat and agree with Perſons, in relation to the Cuts, making Paper, and imprinting the Bills of Credit, in order to their being prepared for the Signers, to be emitted in Time prefixed by the Law, according to the Directions. And

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, ſettle the Accounts with the Collectors, in order to have them laid before the Houſe at their next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned to the eighteenth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 18. Poſt Meridiem. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, according to Adjournment, thought fit to acquaint him of it, and that, if he has any Thing to lay before them, they are ready to conſider the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo. 19. The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, report, that they waited on him accordingly; who was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing to lay before this Houſe, but to recommend a Diſpatch of the preſent Affairs.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration, and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes*, was read the third Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the latter Part of the ſecond Paragraph of the Introduction to the Bill now read be left out? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Amendment in the third Paragraph ſhall ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Amendment made to the Paragraph marked (b) be left out? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, now read the third Time, with the Alteration made, do paſs into a Law? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

A Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to an Act*, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, &c.

The Petition of *Charles Brockden*, Maſter of the Rolls, and Recorder of Deeds of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, deſiring to be made Clerk to the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, as properly belonging to his Office; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, intituled, *An additional Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province*, being read the third Time, conſidered, and amended, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Encouragement of Trade*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifteen per Cent.* ſhall be abated to all who ſhall pay the Duty on Wine, Rum, &c. in Silver or Gold? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, now read the ſecond Time, and amended, be re-committed to *Benjamin Vining*, and *Charles Read*, in order for a third Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt Mo 20. The Houſe met, &c.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River* Schuylkill, *at the End of the* High-ſtreet *of* Philadelphia, was read the ſecond Time, conſidered and amended.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs for a ſecond Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, &c.

A Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the firſt Time.

A Bill,

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for making ſeveral Species of the Product of this Province a lawful Tender*, which was returned to this Houſe from the Council, was again read. 1722-23. 1ſt Mo. 20.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Commodities made a lawful Tender, be delivered at the County Town where the Creditor lives, or at the City of *Philadelphia*, if the Creditor ſo require? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the Amendments now agreed to, be tranſcribed in the Bill now read, in order to have it preſented a ſecond Time to the Governor.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Charles Read*, carry the Bill for making Country Produce a lawful Tender; and the Bill, intituled, *An additional Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on all Wine, Rum*, &c. to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence; and alſo to requeſt of him what he has done in Relation to the Bill directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, together with the two Bills; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would call his Council in the Morning to conſider the Bill lying before him, and the two Bills now ſent, and make the utmoſt Diſpatch poſſible.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, was read the third Time.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Six Shillings* be the Fee for affixing the Seal to any Body of Laws, or Copy thereof? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Fee aforeſaid ſtand as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Fee aforeſaid be *Ten Shillings*? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, be further conſidered To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 21.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Speaker, at the Requeſt of the Mayor of *Philadelphia*, moved the Houſe that the ſaid Mayor may have a Sight of the Bill for erecting a Ferry from *High-ſtreet* over *Schuylkill*, which was granted.

Charles Read, a Member of this Houſe, being admitted, read his Arguments and Reaſons of Diſſent from the Affirmation Bill, now paſſed this Houſe.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Sotcher*, carry the Affirmation Bill to the Governor for his Concurrence.

A ſupplementary Act to the Act for emitting and making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that an additional Clauſe be added to the Bill now read, that Gold ſhall paſs in all Payments whatſoever at *Two-pence Three Farthings per* Grain, or *Five Pounds, Ten Shillings, per* Ounce? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Clauſe be added accordingly.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Act ſhall paſs, in order for a third Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Members appointed to carry the Affirmation Bill, return, and report, that they delivered the Affirmation Bill to the Governor; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſame this Afternoon in Council, together with the Bill directing Summons, and the other Bill lying before him.

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that Veſſels of One Hundred Tons, or more, pay *Ten Shillings* to the Collector for Entry and Clearance? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Fee aforeſaid be *Eight Shillings*? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the further Conſideration of the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Wages of the Aſſemblymen be reduced to *Five Shillings per Diem*, after the Publication of this Act? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Eight Shillings per Diem* ſhall be the Wages of the Speaker of the Aſſembly of this Province? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid laſt Reſolves for Aſſemblymens Fees, be drawn up, and inſerted in the Bill of Fees.

Ordered,

1722-23. 1st Mo. 21. Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Anthony Morris*, call upon the Provincial Treaſurer, and the Secretary, and acquaint them, that this Houſe expects they will ſpeedily ſend in their Accounts; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1st Mo. 22.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to call upon the Treaſurer and Secretary for their Accounts, report, that they had ſpoke with the Treaſurer and Secretary accordingly, and that they would get their Accounts ready this Day.

The Governor's printed Treaty with the *Five Nations* of *Indians* at *Albany*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *John Sotcher*, and *Charles Read*, wait upon the Governor, and requeſt the Bill for Arreſts and Summons to be returned, if he has conſidered it, or any of the other Bills now lying before him: Who return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor accordingly, and delivered their Meſſage; who was pleaſed to deliver to them the ſaid Bill, directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders, and the additional Act to the Law of Exciſe; together with a written Meſſage from the Governor, which is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'I HAVE returned two of the Bills which you ſent up to me, with ſuch Amendments 'as were adviſed in the Council upon them; and what remains with me, ſhall be ready 'to come down to you the Beginning of next Week.

'I cannot but think it is high Time now to put you in Mind of this Year's Support, for 'I do not remember that the Supply was ever ſo long delay'd in any preceding Aſſembly; 'but as I have not omitted any Thing on my Part to ſhew the Confidence I have in your 'Juſtice, ſo I expect you will, before your next Adjournment, take the neceſſary Meaſures 'to confirm me in my Sentiments, as well as to give a general Satisfaction to the People 'whom you repreſent.

March 22, 1722-23. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Bill for enabling Pilots to navigate Veſſels in the Bay and River of *Delaware*, was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants and Commanders of Veſſels, praying, that ſkilful Perſons may be appointed Pilots of the River of *Delaware*, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill now read, ſhall be further debated? *It paſſed in the Negative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the third Time, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be tranſcribed.

A Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable*, was read the ſecond Time, and deliberately conſidered.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be further conſidered To-morrow Morning.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris* reviſe, with the Clerk, the Bills now paſſed and tranſcribed, in order to be ſent to the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1st Mo. 23.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſeveral Freemen of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, praying that the Miniſters of Juſtice may not act in Plurality of Places, by Reaſon when Cauſes are removed by Writ of Error from the Court where they are Judges to another, the ſame Men are now Judges in that other Court to which the Cauſe is removed; and that the Fees of the Prothonotary, *&c.* may be reduced, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members to whom the Bill for Encouragement of Trade was committed, laid the ſame before the Houſe, drawn up accordingly; together with the Bill directing the Proceſs of Summons, which was ſent from the Governor, with Amendments, and now amended.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Supplement to the Flour Act; and a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a Provincial Brand be made for marking all Caſks of Flour? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that no Miller grind any Wheat for Exportation, but what ſhall be clean, ſound and merchantable, under the Penalty of *Forty Shillings? It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the ſupplementary Act to the Flour Act, now read the ſecond Time, be committed to *Robert Jones*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *John Kearſley*, in order to be drawn up, according tothe Votes of this Houſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Benjamin Vining*, carry the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, and the ſupplementary Act to the Act for Bills of Credit, to the Governor for his Concurrence; alſo that they call upon the Mayor of *Philadelphia* for the *High-ſtreet* Ferry Bill: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſame to the Governor; who was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſame in Council with the utmoſt Diſpatch, but that on ſome urgent Buſineſs, the Council could not attend this Day; and that having called upon the Mayor for the ſaid Ferry Bill, they were told he was not in Town. 1722-23. 1ſt Mo. 23.

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of the Bill directing the Proceſs of Summons, ſent back from the Governor and Council, with Propoſals of Amendment; and having debated the ſame, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill ſtand as it is, and be accordingly ſent again to the Governor for his Concurrence? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of the additional Act made to the Exciſe Bill, ſent back from the Governor and Council, with Propoſals of Amendment; and having debated the ſame, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill ſtand as it is, and be accordingly ſent again to the Governor for his Concurrence? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Benjamin Vining*, carry the Bill directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders, and the additional Act to the Exciſe Bill, back to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence to have them paſſed as they are: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Bills to the Governor, according to Order; who was pleaſed to enquire of them, if there were not ſome Proviſion made in relation to amending the Impoſt Bill.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*, the Committee before appointed to draw up a Qualification for the Brewers, for the better enforcing the Making good Beer, and the Conſumption of our own Produce, ſpeedily prepare and bring in the ſame.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Encouragement of Trade*, was read the third Time, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Five per Cent.* be paid out of the neat Proceeds of Goods imported, except as in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Four per Cent.* be paid, *&c. It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Three per Cent.* be paid, *&c. It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Ten per Cent.* be allowed to the Collector for his collecting, *&c.* the Duty aforeſaid? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, now read the third Time, and amended, do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the ſaid Bill to the Governor after Tranſcription and Reviſing; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-fifth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1ſt Mo. 25.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to carry the Bill for the Encouragement of Trade to the Governor for his Concurrence, report, that they delivered the ſame; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſame with the utmoſt Diſpatch, together with the other Bills now lying before him. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 26.

The Bill for erecting or eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the *High-ſtreet*, over *Schuylkill*, was read the third Time, and conſidered.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Speaker, according to the Reſolve of the Houſe, preſented a Draught of the Conveniency of a Ferry over *Neſhaminey* Creek, together with a Bill for the Settlement of it from his own Land; which Draught was viewed, and the Bill read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *George Clough*, wait on the Governor, and inform him, that this Houſe, wanting to come to a Concluſion, deſire he would ſend the Bills to this Houſe which lie before him for his Conſideration; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Benjamin Vining, a Member of this Houſe, laid before the Houſe the following Bills ſent back from the Governor, with Propoſals of Amendment to ſome of them, *viz.*

An additional Act to the Act, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum and other Spirits, retailed in this Province.*

An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders, allowed; and

1723. An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

1ſt Mo. 26. The Conſiderations of the Governor in Writing to the Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees, were read, and conſidered.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Fees of the Governor, Collector, and Naval-Officer, be left out of the Bill ſent back from the Governor? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And the Bill was altered accordingly.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for eſtabliſhing a Ferry from the *High-ſtreet*, over *Schuylkill*, and deſire his Concurrence; and that they preſent the Bill of Fees again to the Governor, and inform him, that the Houſe having voted out the Clauſes of the Governor's, Collector's, and Naval-Officer's Fees, do expect he will now paſs the ſaid Bill into a Law: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Bills according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the Bills, now lying before him, To-morrow; and as to the Bill of Fees, he would do as much as lay in his Power to have it paſs into a Law.

Adjournment. The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Debts of this Province; and accordingly ſeveral Accounts of the Charges of *Indian* Treaties, and other Accounts, were read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1ſt Mo. 27. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of ſeveral Accounts of the Debts of this Province, in relation to *Indian* Treaties, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Account laid before this Houſe laſt Year of the Charge of the Treaty at *Coneſtogoe* be read; which was read accordingly.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, *Nathaniel Newlin*, and *Robert Jones*, be a Committee to inſpect and ſettle the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties, *&c.* and make Report to this Houſe with all Expedition poſſible; and that they take with them the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties laid before the Houſe laſt Year.

Francis Rawle, and *Anthony Morris*, according to Order, laid before this Houſe a Supplement to the Act for making good Beer, *&c.* which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Benjamin Vining preſented to the Houſe the Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration, *&c.* according to the Forms heretofore uſed in ſuch Caſes, ſent back by him from the Governor, with the Propoſals of Amendment of the Governor and Council thereto; which Propoſals of Amendment were read, and conſidered.

Charles Read, a Member of this Houſe, preſented the Account of *George Barclay*, left with him, for his Service as Clerk of the Council, which was read;

Ordered, That the ſame be given to the Committee of Accounts.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration, *&c.* be again ſent to the Governor without Alteration? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, carry the ſaid Bill, preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, *&c.* according to the Forms heretofore uſed in ſuch Caſes, again to the Governor; and inform him, that the Houſe having voted the ſaid Bill to ſtand as it was when before preſented, this Houſe deſires he will now be pleaſed to give his Concurrence to the ſame.

The Committee appointed laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for making good Flour*, drawn up according to the former Reſolves of this Houſe, which was read the third Time, conſidered and amended, and re-committed to the Committee to be drawn up according to the Amendments now made.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs, when drawn up according to the Amendments now made? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *Charles Read* have Leave to be abſent this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor was pleaſed to preſent to the Houſe, by his Son *William Keith*, the following Bills, with Propoſals of Amendment to all, excepting the Supplement to the Paper Money Bill, *viz.*

An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

A ſupplementary Act to the Act for making current Bills of Credit.

An Act for the Encouragement of Trade. And,

An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River *Schuylkill*, at the End of the *High-ſtreet* of *Philadelphia*; which Amendments were read.

John Swift, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, the Members appointed to carry the Affirmation Bill to the Governor, return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Bill to the Governor; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he would take Time to conſider the ſame.

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Propoſals of Amendment made by the Governor and Council to the Bill for the regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees; which Amend-

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mendment being read, and conſidered, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill of Fees be ſent back to the Governor as it was before preſented to him? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1723. 1ſt Mo. 27.

The Propoſals of Amendment of the Governor and Council to the Bill for the Encouragement of Trade, were read, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Act for Encouragement of Trade be ſent back to the Governor as it was before preſented to him? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

The Propoſals of Amendment to the *Schuylkill* Ferry Bill were read, and conceded to.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent again to the Governor, as now amended, according to the Propoſals of Amendment by the Governor and Council? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Anthony Morris*, carry the following Bills to the Governor, and requeſt the Governor that he would now give his Concurrence to the ſame; that they particularly deſire him to paſs the Bill of Fees, ſince it is ſo much the Mind of the Houſe, and according to the Petitions of the People; and that they enquire of the Governor, if he has finiſhed his Deliberations on the Bill for making Country Produce a lawful Tender, *viz.*

The Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.

The Bill for Encouragement of Trade. And,

The Bill for the Ferry over *Schulkill*.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 1ſt Mo. 28.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, with three Bills, and to requeſt that he would paſs the ſame without Alteration, report, that they delivered the ſame accordingly; and that the Governor, after ſome Diſcourſe, was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſame, and returned them to this Houſe by the ſame Members. They further report, that the Governor requeſted of the Houſe, that they would take ſome Care, in relation to the Charge accrued, in gaining the royal Aſſent to the Act for Advancement of Juſtice, in *England*, which Charge has been long due, and the Governor's Agent, for the Credit of this Province, has advanced *Forty Pounds* for the ſame, which is yet unpaid.

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Committee of Accounts for *Indian* Treaties, *&c.*

A ſupplementary Act to the Act for the Making good Beer, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs, in order for a third Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition againſt Miniſters of Juſtice having Plurality of Places, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide, there being Proviſion already made in the Law, that ſeems, in a large Meaſure, to anſwer the Prayer of the Petitioners.

Reſolved, That this Afternoon the Houſe enter on the Conſideration of the Governor's Support for the current Year; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inn-holders and Tavern-keepers of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that the Methods now in Force for levying the Duties or Exciſe on ſtrong Liquors, *&c.* are attended with many Difficulties, and praying, that the ſaid Exciſe be lett or farmed out to the Petitioners, and others, at a certain Rent *per Annum*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Committee ordered to inſpect the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties, *&c.* made their Report, which was read, and referred to be conſidered another Time.

The Governor was pleaſed to ſend down again to this Houſe the Bill for making ſeveral Species of the Product of this Province a lawful Tender; together with his Thoughts on the ſame Bill in Writing; which were read, and conſidered.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be ſent back again to the Governor, and his Concurrence deſired to have it paſs as it was before preſented? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 1ſt Mo. 29.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Mind of the Governor be known, in relation to the Bill for altering the preſent Affirmation, now lying before him? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Governor was pleaſed to preſent to the Houſe, by his Son *William Keith*, the Bill for altering the Forms of the Declaration of Fidelity, *&c.* which had been ſent to him for his Con-

1723. Concurrence; together with his Thoughts of Amendment to the ſaid Bill; which Propoſals of Amendment were read, and conſidered.

1ſt Mo. 29. A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Governor's Propoſals of Amendment to the ſaid Bill be comply'd with (in Part of the firſt Paragraph) *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Governor's Proviſo (in the firſt Paragraph) be complied with, and accordingly added in the Bill? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, preſcribing the Forms of Affirmation, *&c.* inſtead of the Forms heretofore uſed, *&c.* be returned back to the Governor; and that he be deſired to give his Concurrence to the ſame as it was before preſented? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, wait upon the Governor with the Bill for preſcribing the Forms of Affirmation, Declaration, *&c.* inſtead of the Forms heretofore uſed; and the Bill for making Country Produce a lawful Tender; and deſire of the Governor that he would give his Concurrence to the ſame, as they were before preſented: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage, and the Bills, to the Governor, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would conſider the ſame, and return them to this Houſe in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor was pleaſed to ſend back again to this Houſe, by his Son *William Keith*, the Bill for making Country Produce current Pay, with his Allowance to the ſame, on Condition; and the Bill preſcribing the Forms of Declaration, *&c.* inſtead of the Forms heretofore uſed, together with his further Thoughts on the ſaid Bill in Writing, requeſting a Sight of the Petition upon which the ſaid Bill was admitted to be drawn up; and that, if this Houſe ſtill inſiſts on it, they would appoint a Day when this Houſe will confer with the Governor on the ſame.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Thomas Yardley*, carry the Petitions which were preſented to this Houſe, for Eaſe in the preſent Affirmation, to the Governor, according to his Requeſt: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Petitions to the Governor accordingly.

After a further Conſideration of the Governor's Thoughts on the Affirmation Bill,

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Charles Read*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe are ready, at any Time the Governor ſhall pleaſe to appoint, to confer with him, in relation to the ſaid Bill: Who return, and report, that they had waited on the Governor with their Meſſage; and that the Governor was pleaſed to appoint To-morrow Morning for the Conference aforeſaid, at which Time he would inform this Houſe of the Place.

The Members appointed to draw up the Supplement to the Flour Act, according to the Amendments on the third Reading, laid the ſame before the Houſe, in order to be paſſed, which were again read, and conſidered.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Bill, intituled, *A ſupplementary Act to the Act for making good Beer*, was read the third Time, conſidered, and amended.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? ? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed. And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 30. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Letter was brought into the Houſe by the Door-keeper, directed to the Speaker, from the Governor; and the Speaker was pleaſed to certify to the Houſe, that it contained the Governor's Appointment of a Conference with him at his own Houſe, at Eleven of the Clock this Morning.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor with the Speaker's Meſſage in Writing, that this Houſe will be ready to wait on the Governor at the Time and Place the Governor was pleaſed to appoint: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage accordingly.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Thomas Yardley*, wait upon the Governor with the following Bills, and deſire his Concurrence to have them paſſed into Laws, *viz.* A ſupplementary Act to the Act for making good Beer, *&c.* and the ſupplementary Act to the Act for making good Flour: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſaid Bills according to Order.

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Matters now to be debated on in the Conference with the Governor; and having come to a Reſolution, the whole Houſe, with the

the Speaker, went accordingly to the propoſed Conference; and being returned, the Speaker repeated to the Houſe the Reaſons which the Governor had urged, in the Debate of the ſaid Bill for preſcribing the Forms of Declaration, *&c.* inſtead of the Forms heretofore preſcribed, upon which the Conference was founded; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, and the Reaſons and Arguments of the Governor, be further conſidered at the next Adjournment? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till three a Clock this Afternoon. 1723. *1ſt Mo.* 30. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees be referred to the next Adjournment? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, wait on the Governor, and requeſt him, that he will be pleaſed to appoint ſome of his Council to reviſe the ingroſſed Bills he has been pleaſed to give his Concurrence to: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would immediately order two of his Council to attend the Reviſing the ſaid Bills immediately.

The Houſe went on the Conſideration of the Governor's Support for the current Year.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Support of the Governor for the current Year be in one Sum? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *One Thouſand Pounds* be diſpoſed of out of the Publick Treaſury for the Support of the Governor for the current Year? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, and *John Kearſley*, wait upon the Governor, and inform him, that this Houſe having taken into Conſideration his Support, have voted *One Thouſand Pounds* to be diſpoſed of to him out of the Provincial Treaſury for the current Year: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to thank the Speaker, and the Houſe, for the Proviſion made for his Support aforeſaid.

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Joſeph Kirkbride*, reviſe the Bills with the Members of Council.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, wait on the Governor, and requeſt if he will be pleaſed to be waited on by this Houſe, in order to have the ingroſſed Bills paſſed into Laws? Who return, and report, that the Governor was now ready to attend for the ſaid Purpoſe: Accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that he had preſented the Governor with an Order of this Houſe on the Provincial Treaſurer; who was pleaſed to thank the Houſe for the ſame; and that the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the following Bills, and accordingly paſſed them into Laws, *viz.*

1. *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders.*
2. *A ſupplementary Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds, *in Bills of Credit.*
3. *An additional Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe or Duty on all Wine, Rum and other Spirits, retailed in this Province.*
4. *An Act for Encouragement of Trade.*
5. *An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees.*
6. *A ſupplementary Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Flour not merchantable.*
7. *A Supplement to the Act*, intituled, *An Act for the Making good Beer*, &c. And,
8. *An Act for eſtabliſhing a Ferry over the River* Schuylkill, *at the End of the* High-ſtreet, Philadelphia. And then the Houſe adjourned to the ſixth of *May*, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. *3d Mo.* 6.

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *John Sotcher*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, according to Adjournment, are ready to receive and conſider any Thing he ſhall be pleaſed to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *3d Mo.* 7.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage to the Governor, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he hoped the Houſe would go on to diſpatch the Buſineſs now before them; and that he would ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe this Day.

The Petition of the Regiſter General of this Province, praying to be heard in relation to the Fees of his Office; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

1723. 3d Mo. 7. A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *One Hundred Pounds* be allowed as a Salary to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; for his Service as Chief Juſtice of this Province for the current Year? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifty Pounds* be allowed to *Robert Aſheton*, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court of this Province, as a Salary for the current Year? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Andrew Hamilton*, Attorney General of this Province, be allowed *Sixty Pounds* as a Salary for the current Year? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, deſiring that the Court-houſe and Priſon of *Briſtol* may be removed to ſome more convenient Place; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, praying, that the Commiſſioners may be choſen yearly; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſeveral Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, requeſting Leave to erect a new Court-houſe and Priſon in the Town of *Briſtol*; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Meſſage was preſented to the Houſe, from the Governor, by Doctor *Baird*, That the Governor deſires the Attendance of this Houſe forthwith at the Court-houſe: And the Speaker, and whole Houſe, waited on the Governor accordingly; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy whereof he was preſented with, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. 'I HEARTILY congratulate you upon the Succeſs of thoſe Meaſures which you have lately taken to revive the Spirit of Trade and Commerce in this Colony; and I doubt not but you are come up, at this Time, with an unanimous Diſpoſition to forward and promote the ſame to the utmoſt of your Power.

'The Share which I myſelf have had in that Service will, I am perſwaded, convince every honeſt Man of my diſintereſted and ſincere Intentions to ſerve you and the People whom you repreſent. And if I have been wanting to go ſuch Lengths in ſome Particulars as were deſired, I hope the Reaſons which were laid before you, to juſtify that Part of my Conduct, were ſuch as gave Satisfaction to all thoſe who love Moderation, and do not deſire to do to others what they would not have done to themſelves.

'Gentlemen, I take this Opportunity to thank you for granting me the uſual Allowance towards the Support of my Adminiſtration for the current Year; but if you find yourſelves inclined to follow the honourable as well as moſt juſtifiable Practice of our neighbouring Governments, I ſtill hope that my Services Abroad, both to the Southward and Eaſtward, during theſe laſt two Years, and more particularly the uncommon Fatigues I have undergone this Winter, in order to bring your Reſolutions, for the Good of your Country, unto a happy Concluſion, will deſerve ſome further Conſideration at your Hands.

'This I have Reaſon to believe is what the Generality of the People expect, as a Teſtimony that their Governor never will be a Loſer, nor that he can be at any Time deceived, by putting an entire Confidence in their Repreſentatives.'

The Report of the Committee, appointed to inſpect the Accounts of the *Indian* Treaties, *&c.* of the Twenty-eighth of *March*, being read,

Ordered, That the ſaid Report be read, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the firſt Article of the ſaid Report, of *Twenty-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings*, Expence of the Governor, be allowed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that ſome Allowance be made for the Governor's Expences in his Journey to *Albany*, &c. and added to the *Twenty-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings*, already voted? *It paſſed in the Negative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Robert Jones*, and *Hugh Evans*, have Leave to be abſent this Day.

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties, *&c.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *James Logan*'s Account of *Indian* Treaties, now exhibited to this Houſe, be allowed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifteen Pounds* be allowed to *James Logan* for his Trouble in his Journey to *Coneſtogoe*, &c. *It paſſed in the Negative.*

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A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Twelve Pounds* be allowed to *James Logan* for his Trouble in his Journey to *Coneſtogoe*, &c. *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* 1723.

The whole Account of *James Logan* amounts to *One Hundred Twenty-eight Pounds, Eight Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, as Balance due, including the *Twelve Pounds* laſt allowed. 3d Mo. 8.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifty Pounds* be allowed to the preſent Speaker, as ſome Recompence for his former Provincial Services? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That *George Barclay*'s Account of *Three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, for one Quarter's Salary, as Clerk of the Council, be allowed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe entered on the Conſideration of the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties.

John Cartlidge's Account being read,

Ordered, That the ſame be laid aſide.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *John Taylor*, Sheriff of *Cheſter* County, have ſome Allowance for his Charge and Trouble, in relation to the *Cartlidges? Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Eleven Pounds* be allowed to *John Taylor*, Sheriff of *Cheſter County*, for his Service in attending *James Logan*, and Colonel *John French*, Commiſſioners in the Affair of the *Cartlidges? It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Eight Pounds* be allowed to *John Taylor*, Sheriff of *Cheſter* County, for his Service in ſummoning and ſubpœnaing nine Evidences relating to the *Cartlidges*, and *Thirty Shillings* to *John Muſgrove* for taking *William Wilkins*, and bringing of him to *Cheſter? Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Six Pounds* be allowed to the ſaid Sheriff of *Cheſter* County, for the ſaid Summons and Subpœna's, about the *Cartlidges*, and *Thirty Shillings* to *John Muſgrove*, for taking *William Wilkins? Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Richard Hill*'s Account of Diſburſements, over and above the Allowance made for the Expedition to *Albany*, to the Value of *Twenty-three Pounds*, be allowed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the Clerk tranſcribe the Laws paſſed in this Seſſion of Aſſembly, in order for the ſpeedy Printing of the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 9.

The Houſe entered on the further Conſideration of the Accounts of *Indian* Treaties, *&c.*

Reſolved, That *Charles Read*, and *Nathaniel Newlin*, give the Thanks of this Houſe to the Governor, and the Gentlemen of the Council, for their good Management and Conduct in the Treaty with the Chiefs of the *Five Nations* of *Indians* at *Albany* laſt Summer.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Hardſhips they lie under in not being admitted to be relieved by the Loan-Office of this Province, becauſe their Eſtates are on Ground-rents, and praying Redreſs; alſo deſiring that *Ten* or *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* more, in Bills of Credit, be ſtruck, and added to the Money now emitting; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and immediately debated.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a Supplement be made to explain and amend ſome Articles in the Act for emitting and making current Bills of Credit? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

The Members appointed to give the Thanks of this Houſe to the Governor, and the Members of the Council, who attended him in his Journey to *Albany*, return, and report, that they had delivered their Meſſage of Thanks to the Governor, *&c.* accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that a further Sum of Money be ſtruck in Bills of Credit, to anſwer the Want of the Province, and the Mind of the Petitioners for that Purpoſe? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Carpenter*, and *Anthony Morris*, go to *Owen Roberts*, the Collector, and aquaint him, that the Houſe expects he will get his Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifteen Pounds* be allowed to *James Le Tort*, for his Trouble as Interpreter at the Treaty at *Albany*, and other Services? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Repreſentation of *Robert Aſheton*, Prothonotary of the Common Pleas of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the Detriment ſuſtained by the late Act for regulating Fees, ſo that his Office is rendered ſcarce worth the Trouble and Attendance it neceſſarily requires, and praying ſuitable Relief in the Premiſes to himſelf, and all Officers, ſubject to the ſame Inconveniencies; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

After

1723. After Debate on the Affirmation Bill, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be laid aſide, for the preſent, till it ſhall be re-aſſumed by the Aſſembly for a further Conſideration? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

3d Mo. 9. Adjournment.

3d Mo. 10. The Houſe met, &c.

Reſolved, That *Andrew Bradford*'s Account of Charge for Printing, Paper, &c. amounting to the Sum of *One Hundred* and *Seventy-three Pounds*, be allowed.

John Kearſley, a Member of this Houſe, had Leave to preſent a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual putting in Execution an Act of Aſſembly of this Province*, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current Bills of Credit*, which was read; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill now read ſhall paſs for a firſt Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be read a ſecond Time this Afternoon.

A Meſſage in Writing was delivered to the Houſe from the Governor, which was read, and is as follows.

Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'I UNDERSTAND that Application hath been made to your Houſe, in Behalf of ſuch of the Inhabitants of this City, who, poſſeſſing good Houſes and Tenements upon Ground-rent, cannot be admitted to borrow any Money out of the Loan-Office: Now whatever Conſtruction the Lawyers and much better Judges may put upon the Words of the Law, I muſt declare, for my own Part, that I never intended, by paſſing that Act, to exclude all thoſe induſtrious and frugal Inhabitants, who have chiefly contributed to the Conveniency and Enlargement of this City: If therefore you ſhould find that the Act itſelf is ſo unhappily worded as to make that Excluſion, I do think it not only juſt, but even neceſſary, that the Majority of the Inhabitants of this City be relieved by an explanatory Bill, to which I am ready to give my Concurrence.'

May 10, 1723.

Andrew Bradford, being ſent for, agreed with this Houſe for printing the Laws of this Seſſion of Aſſembly at the Price of *Thirty Shillings per* Sheet, and obliges himſelf to deliver eighty Books, accounting the Charge of folding and ſtitching them in blue Paper.

Ordered, That *Charles Read*, a Member of this Houſe, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that they having read and conſidered his written Meſſage, are preparing a Bill for that Purpoſe, and hope to diſpatch the ſame to the Governor's Hands, for his Concurrence, To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, &c.

The Member appointed to wait on the Governor, returned, and reported, that he had waited on the Governor, according to Order, and delivered his Meſſage; who was pleaſed to ſay, he was well pleaſed the Houſe had conſidered his Meſſage, and had fallen on a Method to relieve the Petitioners therein mentioned, and that he would attend in order to have it compleated, but deſired the Houſe would diſpatch it To-morrow in the Forenoon.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual putting in Execution, an Act of Aſſembly of this Province*, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the ſecond Time, conſidered, and amended.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, now read the ſecond Time, do paſs accordingly for a ſecond Reading? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Iſaac Norris's Account of Expences and Diſburſements, in Caſh, on his Journey to and from *Albany*, amounting to the Sum of *Six Pounds*, *Seventeen Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*, being read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be allowed, and ordered accordingly.

Samuel Carpenter, and *Anthony Morris*, the Committee of Accounts, having delivered their Report of the Publick Accounts in Writing to the Speaker, it was ordered to be read, and is as follows.

WE the Committee appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, report, that we have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſt, and Duty on *Negroes*, &c. and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province are as follows, *viz.*

Impoſt on Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, and Duty of *Negroes*, from the 17th of *July*, 1722, to the 12th of *November*, 1722, —	£	485	7 6½
Balance of the laſt Account ſettled with the Committee, —		653	12 8¼
	£	1139	0 2¾

Of

Of which he hath paid to the Treaſurer *per* his Account,	£	170	5	1½	1723:
And to *George Gray*, for the Governor and Company's Expences at the Ferry, in two Journies to *Conneſtogoe*,		5	7	2	3d Mo. 10.
		175	12	3½	
Balance due,	£	963	7	11½	

We have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Account. The total Debt of the Province for all Orders iſſued ſince the laſt Settlement, made the 31ſt of *December*, 1722, is *One Thouſand Pounds*, which, with the Balance of Account of *Indian* Treaties, *Thirty-four Pounds*, *Nine Shillings*, and *Five-pence*, and *Fifty-one Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*, Commiſſions, at five *per Cent.* with *One Thouſand*, *Six Hundred*, and *Fifty-three Pounds*, *Sixteen Shillings*, and *One-penny*, Balance due for former Orders or Accounts with the Treaſurer, makes the Debt of the ſaid Account of the Treaſurer *Two Thouſand*, *Seven Hundred*, and *Forty Pounds*; towards Payment of which Sum he hath received from the Collector *One Hundred* and *Seventy Pounds*, *Five Shillings*, and *One Penny Three Farthings*; and from the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*. Balance due from the Province in full of all Orders iſſued to the 30th Day of *March*, 1723, is *Sixty nine Pounds*, *Fourteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*. There remains due a Balance in the Collector's Hands, *Nine Hundred* and *Sixty-three Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence Farthing*, and the Entries of Rum, Wine, Melaſſes and *Negroes*, ſince the 12th of *November* laſt paſt. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe.

SAMUEL CARPENTER, ſen.
ANTHONY MORRIS.

Adjournment. *3d Mo.* 11.

And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That the Minutes of Yeſterday be read, which were read accordingly.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual putting in Execution an Act*, intituled, *An Act for the Emitting and making current* Fifteen Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*, was read the third Time, conſidered and amended.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, now read the third Time, be committed to *John Kearſley*, and *Iſaac Taylor*, in order to be drawn up accordingly.

Bentley Cook's Account for Wood, and the Uſe of his Houſe for the Aſſembly, amounting to the Sum of *Twelve Pounds*, *Four Shillings*, and *One Penny*, being read,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be allowed, and Payment thereof was ordered accordingly.

Reſolved, That *Peter Evans* be allowed *Five Pounds* for his Services to this Houſe.

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Twelve Pounds* be allowed to the Attorney General for his immediate Services to this Houſe? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That *Samuel Carpenter* be allowed his Salary of *Thirty Pounds* for the current Year, for his Service of being the Searcher and Brander of Flour in this Province.

The Committee appointed laid before the Houſe the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual putting in Execution the Act for Paper Money*, drawn up according to Order.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

Reſolved, That *John Eyers* be allowed his Salary of *Five Pounds* for the current Year, and Payment thereof was ordered accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Account of *Andrew Hamilton*, of Monies expended on account of the Publick, in his Journey to *Albany*, amounting to the Sum of *Eight Pounds*, was read;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be allowed.

The Account of the Clerk for his immediate Services being read, amounting to *Thirty Pounds*, *Three Shillings*;

Reſolved, That the ſaid Account be allowed.

The Bill for explaining the Paper Money Act being tranſcribed, the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor with the ſame, for his immediate Concurrence; and being returned, the Speaker reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to the ſame, and paſs it accordingly into a Law.

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*, left in the Treaſurer's Hands, out of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* formerly vot-

1723. ed for the Service of this Province, in *Great-Britain*, be drawn out of the Treasurer's
3d Mo. 11. Hands, by Order of this House, for other Services? *Passed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Andrew Bradford* deliver the Laws of this Session, when printed, to *Charles Read.*

The Account of *Nicholas Rosogan*, for his Service as Door-keeper of this Assembly, and some Expences, amounting to the Sum of *Eleven Pounds, Five Shillings*, being read;

Resolved, That the said Account be allowed.

Ordered, That the Speaker sign the Orders on the Provincial Treasurer for the several Sums allowed by this House. And,

Ordered, That the Speaker sign Tickets to the Members of the Time of their Service, and that the Clerk sign the Speaker's Ticket; which was done.——*And then the House rose.*

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1723.

The Names of the Representatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennsylvania*, elected to serve in Assembly for the ensuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the respective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County.*	Bucks *County.*	Chester *County.*
Anthony Morris,	*Jeremiah Langhorne,*	*Thomas Chandler,*
Morris Morris,	*William Biles,*	*Samuel Levis,* jun.
Matthias Holston,	*Thomas Watson,*	*Samuel Nutt,*
John Swift,	*Matthew Hughes,*	*John Crosby,*
Francis Rawle,	*Joseph Fell,*	*Moses Key,*
Benjamin Vining.	*Christian Vanhorn,*	*William Webb,*
Job Goodson,	*Abraham Chapman,*	*Joseph Pennock,*
Samuel Hudson.	*Benjamin Jones.*	*David Lloyd.*

City of Philadelphia.
John Kearsley, *Thomas Redman.*

1723. A QUORUM of the Representatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Pri-
8th Mo. 14. vileges directs, proceeded to choose their Speaker; and *David Lloyd*, Esq; was, *Nemine Contradicente*, elected Speaker of this Assembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *John Kearsley*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Representatives are met, have chose their Speaker, and desire to know when he will be pleased to be attended by the House, in order to present him; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15. The House met, *&c.*

The Members appointed Yesterday to wait upon the Governor report, that they had done their Message accordingly; and that he was pleased to say, he would send the House Notice when he would be attended by them.

The Petitions of sundry Persons for the Clerk's Place were read in Order, and considered; and *Thomas Leech* was chosen by a Majority.

A Message was sent from the Governor, by his Secretary, That he expects the Attendance of the House forthwith: And accordingly the Members went to wait on the Governor, to present their Speaker. The House being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That they had waited on the Governor, who was pleased to approve him; and that he had, in the Name of the House, requested, that, on all Occasions, they might have free Access to the Governor's Person; that he would be pleased to put a favourable Construction on their Words and Actions; and also, that this House may be protected from all Insults and Abuses; and that the Governor was pleased to say, he would be ready at all Times to protect them in their just Rights and Privileges; and then the House adjourned till Four a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Post Meridiem.* The House met, *&c.*

The Members present subscribed the Qualification appointed by an Act of Assembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act to ascertain the Number of Members of Assembly, and to regulate the Elections*; and also the Abjuration appointed by an Act of Parliament of the First

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of King GEORGE; first, the Speaker in his Chair, and, after him, the Members in their Courſe as follows, *viz.* *David Lloyd*, Eſq; Speaker, *Anthony Morris*, *Morris Morris*, *Matthias Holſton*, *John Swift*, *Francis Rawle*, *Benjamin Vining*, *Job Goodſon*, *Samuel Hudſon*, *John Kearſley*, *Thomas Redman*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Thomas Watſon*, *Matthew Hughes*, *Joſeph Fell*, *Chriſtian Vanborn*, *Abraham Chapman*, *Benjamin Jones*, *Thomas Chandler*, *Samuel Levis*, junior, *Samuel Nutt*, *John Croſby*, *Moſes Key*, *William Webb*, and *Joſeph Pennock*; and then the Members took their Seats in the Houſe; and the Clerk took his Qualification, *viz.* the Abjuration appointed by the Act of Parliament of the Firſt of King GEORGE; as alſo to keep the Secrets of the Houſe, and faithfully to diſcharge the Office of Clerk according to the beſt of his Ability. 1723. 8th Mo. 15.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, be appointed to acquaint the Provincial Treaſurer, that this Houſe orders his and the Collector's Accounts to be ready to be laid before this Houſe at their next Meeting.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe are inclined to adjourn till the Fourth of *November* next: Who return, and report, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor approves of the Time of Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fourth of *November* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 9th Mo. 4.

William Biles, choſen and returned to ſerve in this Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, being abſent when the Members ſubſcribed the Qualifications, deſires Leave now to be qualified; who accordingly read and ſubſcribed the Qualifications by Law appointed, and then took his Seat in the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Morris Morris*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 9th Mo. 5.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that he was not come to Town.

The Members appointed to acquaint the Provincial Treaſurer and Collectors, that the Houſe ordered them to have their Accounts ready, report, that they had delivered their Meſſage accordingly.

The Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, That the Bills of Credit, already ſtruck, are found far ſhort of anſwering as running Caſh, *&c.* and not ſufficient to ſupply one fourth Part of the Inhabitants that are in Want, and have good Security to give, and praying that a further Supply may be ſtruck; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

John Croſby had Leave to be abſent this Afternoon upon an extraordinary Occaſion; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Job Goodſon*, go again to the Provincial Treaſurer and Collectors, and know when they will have their Accounts ready to lay before this Houſe: Who return, and report, that *Samuel Preſton* and *Owen Roberts* were together, and ſaid, they were not then fully prepared, but would attend this Houſe in the Morning; and that *Charles Read* was out of Town.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Benjamin Vining*, and *Anthony Morris*, go to *Charles Brockden*, and know of him what Demands came to the Loan-Office more than the Sum of Paper Currency ſtruck, and after it was emitted: Who return, and report, that *Charles Brockden* begs Leave of this Houſe to bring in a Repreſentation of that Affair To-morrow Morning; which the Houſe granted.

Reſolved, That the Rules of this Houſe be read To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 9th Mo. 6.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, they had delivered their Meſſage accordingly; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would take an Opportunity To-night, or To-morrow Morning, to lay before this Houſe what he thought fit, at this Time, to communicate.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, acquaint the Provincial Treaſurer, and Collectors, the Houſe waits for their Accounts: Who return, and report, the Treaſurer will attend the Houſe immediately. Who accordingly came to the Houſe, and delivered his Accounts at the Table.

Reſolved, That *Benjamin Vining*, *Anthony Morris*, *William Biles*, and *William Webb*, be a Committee to ſettle and adjuſt the Publick Accounts with the Provincial Treaſurer, and

1723. and Collectors, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, and make Report to this Houſe on or before the ninth Inſtant; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

9th Mo. 6. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

Francis Rawle preſented to the Houſe *Charles Brockden*'s Repreſentation of the State of the Loan-Office, at and after the Emitting the Paper Currency, which was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by Doctor *Baird*, deſiring the Attendance of the Speaker with the whole Houſe immediately, at the Court-Houſe: Accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, attended on the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which he had received, and being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech. 'YOUR Reſolution to proceed early, and with Diſpatch, to Buſineſs, was very acceptable to me, ſince it puts it in our Power to ſupply the Peoples Neceſſities, and anſwer their reaſonable Expectations, without the Burthen of tedious long Seſſions at a leſs ſeaſonable Time of the Year.

'The Alteration lately made in your Currency, makes it, in my Opinion, neceſſary that you ſhew yourſelves more anxious than heretofore about enriching the Provincial Treaſury, which will not only be the beſt Guard againſt any Accident which may affect the Publick Credit, but will alſo enable you at all Times to uſe effectual Means for ſupporting it, and delivering Trade from the Incumbrances which otherwiſe muſt unavoidably be laid upon it from Time to Time.

'When the Deliberations of an Aſſembly are governed as they ought by a publick Spirit, it will naturally beget Unanimity and Concord; for as plain Honeſty, labouring under a Miſtake, is very deſirous of Information, and readily yields its Aſſent to Conviction; ſo a good Judgment of one's own Intereſt will, on many Occaſions, prudently lead Men of different Sentiments in to be of one Mind.

'Gentlemen, the Courſe of your Proceedings will, probably, afford me Opportunities of ſpeaking more particularly to ſome Things; but, in general, you may be aſſured of my ready Diſpoſition to concur with you in whatſoever ſhall appear to be rightly intended for the Advancement of Trade, and the Proſperity of the Province.'

Then the Houſe reſolved itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the Governor's Speech; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, *John Swift*, Chairman of the ſaid Committee, reported, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and directed him to move they may have Leave to ſit again.

Reſolved, That this Houſe will, To-morrow Morning, at Ten a Clock, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider further of the Governor's Speech; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 7. The Houſe met, *&c.*

And then the Houſe, according to the Order of Yeſterday, reſolved itſelf into the ſaid Committee, to conſider further of the Governor's Speech; and, after ſome Time ſpent, the Chairman, by Order of the Committee, moved for Leave to ſit again; which is granted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift reported from the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was referred the Conſideration of the Governor's Speech, that they had made further Progreſs therein, and had come to the following Agreement, *viz.* That they are of Opinion there is a Neceſſity of ſtriking more Paper Currency; which is agreed to by the Houſe.

The Petition of ſundry Freeholders and Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, concerning the Deficiency of the Bills of Credit, was read a ſecond Time.

Then the Houſe entered on the Conſideration of what Quantity of Paper Currency be ſtruck; and, after ſome Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Fifty Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Forty Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Thirty-five Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of what Sum be allowed for one Perſon to take out of the General Loan-Office; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion

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Queſtion put, that any Sum not exceeding *Two Hundred Pounds*, nor leſs than *Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings*, be lent to one Perſon within eight Months after the Date of the ſaid Bills; and after the ſaid Term be expired, if any Bills lie in the Office, Perſons may be permitted to take out as much as they can give Security for? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Paper Currency, to be ſtruck and diſpoſed of, be continued for twelve Years and a Half, at Five *per Cent.* and that Intereſt and Principal be paid in yearly, *viz.* The Twelve and a Half, Part of the Sum borrowed, with the whole Intereſt of Five *per Cent. per Annum*, ſhall be annually paid by the Mortgager; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of a Paper Currency; and having read the former Law for emitting a Paper Currency, and made Remarks on ſeveral Paragraphs for Amendments,

Reſolved, That a Bill for emitting *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Paper Currency, be prepared and brought into this Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker of this Houſe prepare and bring in the ſame.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Job Goodſon*, and *Samuel Nutt*, be a Committee to draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, and lay it before this Houſe To-morrow Morning for their Conſideration.

The Petition of divers Mariners, complaining that Captain *Ruddock*, their Maſter, had very much abuſed them in their Paſſage, and now refuſed to pay them their Wages, this being the ſecond Port of Delivery, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read and conſidered.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him of the Subſtance of the ſaid Petition, *&c.* Who return, and report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to let them underſtand he had appointed a Court of Chancery, for the Hearing of the ſaid Matter, To-morrow, and hop'd it would be accommodated; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 9th Mo. 9.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which was read, and, after ſome Alterations made, agreed to by the Houſe, and ordered to be tranſcribed, and is as followeth.

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Province in ASSEMBLY met, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the ſixth Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

IT cannot but adminiſter very great Satisfaction to us, to have our firſt Step ſo well approved of by the Governor, which is very much heightened by finding in him a ready Diſpoſition to concur with us in what Meaſures may be thought neceſſary for relieving this Province from the Difficulties it labours under by a Decay of Trade; and as we are ſenſible that all Incumbrances on Trade are detrimental and deſtructive to it, ſo we hope our Endeavours ſhall not be wanting to ſupport it to the utmoſt of our Power, and to ſet it upon the beſt Foundation we are capable of, which we humbly conceive will not only encourage Induſtry, but will be the moſt effectual Way to enrich us.

We are truly ſenſible that the Deliberations of an Aſſembly, when governed by a publick Spirit, cannot but conduce very much to the general Intereſt of this Province, eſpecially when they are ſo openly aſſured of the Concurrence of a Governor, who, upon all Occaſions, is ready to give the moſt ſenſible Demonſtrations that he has the Intereſt of the Country near at Heart; and as this generous Diſpoſition of the Governor doth, in the handſomeſt Manner, lead us to a Senſe of our Duty, ſo we cannot better ſhew it, than in a ſpeedy Proviſion to ſupport the preſent Adminiſtration.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

November 9, 1723. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, attend upon the Governor with the Anſwer to his Speech of the ſixth Inſtant, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the eighteenth Inſtant: Who return, and report, that they had delivered the Addreſs and Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor returns his Thanks to the Houſe for the Addreſs, and agrees to the propoſed Adjournment; and then the Houſe adjourned till the eighteenth Inſtant.

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The Committee of Accounts report, that they had gone thro' the Collectors of Impoſt's Account, and ſhould be ready to make Report when the Houſe will pleaſe to receive the ſame.

Ordered, That *Thomas Watſon*, and *Morris Morris*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, the Houſe are met according to Adjournment, and are ready to proceed to Buſineſs; if he has any Thing further to lay before them, ſhall be ready to receive it To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *John Baldwin*, ſetting forth that his Father had been, by a former Aſſembly, appointed to keep a Ferry over *Neſhaminey* for a Term of Years, and that he, ſince his ſaid Father's Deceaſe, had maintained the ſame, and that the Time being now expired, prays that the ſaid Act be renewed, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, complaining of the Damage ſuſtained by fiſhing Dams made croſs the River *Schuylkill*, &c. and praying that an Act may be made to prevent it for the Time to come, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, ſhewing, that they having valuable Eſtates and Improvements on Lands for Term of Years, are not entitled to take Money out of the Loan-Office, *&c.* and praying that they may partake of the Benefit, intended for the Publick, in common with their Neighbours; was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and referred to a Committee of the whole Houſe in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe, according to the Order of the Morning, reſolved themſelves into a Committee of the whole Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent therein, *John Swift*, Chairman of the Committee of the whole Houſe, to whom was committed the Conſideration of the Petition relating to Eſtates for a Term of Years, *&c.* reported, that they had duly conſidered the ſame, and are of Opinion, that the ſaid Petition be rejected; which the Houſe agrees to.

The Petition of *John Baldwin*, for the Ferry over *Neſhaminey*, was read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Debate thereon, was referred to a third Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 20. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that they had delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing further, at preſent, to lay before the Houſe; but deſired the Peruſal of the Money Bill befor it paſſed the Houſe.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that they brought in a Bill to the laſt Aſſembly for eſtabliſhing the Affirmation in the Form preſcribed by Act of Parliament, *&c.* deſiring the ſaid Bill may be renewed, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry of the People called *Quakers*, reſiding in the County of *Cheſter*, &c. deſiring the ſame Affirmation and Declaration, allowed in *England*, may be eſtabliſhed here by a Law; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Jones* go to the Committee of Accounts, and know whether they have finiſhed; who returned, and reported, they will attend the Houſe in the Afternoon with their Report.

The Petition, praying that an open and free Paſſage down the River *Schuylkill* may be eſtabliſhed by Law, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to their Deſire; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current Thirty Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, was brought in by the Speaker, according to the Requeſt of the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Houſe being informed of ſome Counterfeit Bills lately diſcovered,

Ordered, That *Samuel Hudſon*, and *Benjamin Jones*, go to *Robert Aſheton* for the two Counterfeit Bills remaining in his Office; and that *Thomas Watſon* go to *William Fiſhbourn* for one in his Hands: Who return, and brought the ſame to the Houſe, which were narrowly inſpected; and a Debate aroſe how to prevent the like in the Bills now to be emitted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 21. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee of Accounts report, that they have made a conſiderable Progreſs in the Matter referred to them, deſiring longer Time to make a final Adjuſtment; which the Houſe allows.

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And then the Houſe went on a long Debate about the Counterfeit Bills, and how far a Failure appeared in the Officers, and what Method to take to prevent the ſame henceforwards; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

9th Mo. 21. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Poſt Meridiem.

The Petition of ſundry of the Inhabitants of the County of *Cheſter*, ſetting forth their Satisfaction in the late Vote of this Houſe, for emitting *Thirty Thouſand Pounds*, and complaining that the firſt Payment, according to the late Law, will prove very heavy, deſire that the preſent Scheme may ſink Intereſt and Principal, by equal Payments, or the Time lengthen'd to render the firſt Payments more eaſy, and alſo for a free Trade; alſo to lay a Duty on Horſes brought from *Sopus* or *Long-Iſland*, and encourage a good Breed amongſt ourſelves; alſo complaining of ſome undue Preference, laſt Year, at the Loan-Office, uſed by the Clerk; and alſo deſiring that Labourers Wages may be moderated, according to the Prices of Country Produce; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Upon a Motion made, the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the ſaid three Counterfeit Bills; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that any Perſon or Perſons, who ſhall diſcover the Offenders, ſo that they be lawfully convicted, ſhall receive for a Reward *Ten Pounds* out of the Publick Treaſury? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Then the Houſe entered on the ſecond Reading the Bill, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current* Thirty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit*; and a Debate ariſing about the Sum ſpecified in the Introduction to the ſaid Bill, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Sum be continued as it ſtands in the ſaid Bill? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 22.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Aſheton, one of the Commiſſioners for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, in Behalf of the ſaid City and County, made Application to this Houſe, requeſting the Sum of *One Thouſand Pounds* to be lent to the ſaid City and County, out of the Sum now to be emitted, to diſcharge their preſent Debts, upon the ſame Terms as the laſt Year.

The Houſe went on the further Debate of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current* Thirty Thouſand Pounds, *&c.*

After Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the yearly Payments, according to a former Vote of this Houſe, ſhall ſtand as ſpecified in the ſaid Bill, and now read? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſecond Offence of counterfeiting and uttering, knowingly, Counterfeit Bills, be deemed Felony of Death, without Benefit of Clergy? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill for making current *Thirty Thouſand Pounds*, &c. now read the ſecond Time, may (with the Alterations, Amendments and Additions, now made, and agreed to) be committed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by two Members of Council, with a general Addreſs to the King, to which the Governor deſires the Concurrence of this Houſe; and, that there may be no Exception about the Stile, deſires the Liberty to put it in his own Words; which being read, was, as to the Subſtance of it (*Nemine Contradicente*) concurred with.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Kearſley*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid Addreſs, and acquaint him with the Concurrence of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 23.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor with the Addreſs, report, they had done their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, it ſhould be copied out fair, and ſent again to this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-fifth of this Inſtant.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 25.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 26.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee appointed, by Order of the Houſe of the ſixth Inſtant, to ſettle the Publick Accounts with *Samuel Preſton*, Treaſurer, and *Owen Roberts*, and *Charles Read*, Collectors of the Impoſt, *&c.* and Exciſe, brought in their Report, *viz.*

THAT they have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſts and Duty of *Negroes*, &c. and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province are as followeth, *viz.*

Impoſt on Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, and Duty of *Negroes*, from the 12th of *November*, 1722, to the 8th of *May*, 1723, is —	£	393	0	11½
Balance of the laſt Account ſettled with the Committee, —		963	7	11½
	£	1356	8	10½
Of which he hath paid to the Treaſurer, —		459	19	4
Balance due,	£	896	9	6½

That

1723. 9th Mo. 26. That they have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Account; the total Debt of the Province for all Orders iſſued ſince the laſt Settlement, made the 10th of the *Third Month*, 1723, is *Seven Hundred Sixty-eight Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Five-pence*, which, with Bills of Credit for *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, makes the Debt *Three Thouſand Two Hundred Sixty-eight Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Five-pence*; and *One Hundred Sixty-three Pounds, Eight Shillings*, and *Three-pence*, Commiſſions, at Five *per Cent.* and *Sixty-nine Pounds, Fourteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence*, Balance due for former Orders and Accounts with the Treaſurer, makes the whole Debt of the ſaid Account of the Treaſurer, *Three Thouſand Five Hundred* and *One Pounds, Nine Shillings*, and *Seven-pence*; towards Payment of which Sum, he hath received from the Collector of Impoſts *Four Hundred Fifty-nine Pounds, Nineteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*; and from the Collector of Exciſe *Two Hundred Forty-two Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *Two-pence*; which Sums, received from the Collectors, make *Seven Hundred* and *Two Pounds, Four Shillings*, and *Six-pence*; then remains a Balance due from the Province, in full of all Orders iſſued to the 20th of *November*, 1723, *Two Thouſand Seven Hundred Ninety-nine Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *One Penny*, viz. To the Loan-Office, *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*; and to the Treaſury, *Two Hundred Ninety-nine Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *One Penny*; to diſcharge Part of which, there remains a Balance of *Eight Hundred Ninety-ſix Pounds, Nine Shillings*, and *Six-pence Half-penny*, in the Collector of Impoſts Hands, and Entries of Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, and *Negroes*, &c. ſince the Eighth of the *Third Month* laſt paſt.

That they have alſo examined and ſettled the Accounts of the Collector of Exciſe, the whole Amounts of which, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and the County of *Bucks*, commencing the 14th of the *Third Month*, 1722, and terminating the 2d Day of the *Second Month*, 1723, amounts to *Two Hundred Eighty-five Pounds, One Shilling*, and *Four-pence*; and for the County of *Cheſter*, beginning the ſame Time, and ending the 14th of the *Twelfth Month*, 1722, is *Thirty-three Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, and *Four-pence*; makes in all, *Three Hundred Nineteen Pounds*, and *Four-pence*; of which he hath paid into the Provincial Treaſury, as *per* the Treaſurer's Account credited the Province, *Two Hundred Forty-two Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *Two-pence*; and unto the Hemp Account of Bounties, *One Hundred Pounds*; and his Commiſſions, at *Ten per Cent.* is *Thirty-one Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, makes *Three Hundred Seventy-four Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Two-pence*.

The Exciſe of City and County of *Philadelphia*, and the County of *Bucks*, from the 2d of the *Second Month*, 1723, and of the County of *Cheſter*, from the 14th of the *Twelfth Month*, 1722, remains yet unaccounted for.

That they have alſo examined the State of the Accounts of the Officer appointed to pay *One Penny per* Pound for good Hemp raiſed in this Province, and have ſettled the ſame with him, as follows, *viz.*

He credits the ſaid Office for *One Hundred Pounds* received from Exciſe,	£ 100	0	0
And debits for ſundry Payments made to ſundry Perſons who produced good Hemp, as *per* Receipts laid before us, amounting to —	69	13	1½
And for Storage, ordered by Law, he charges — —	2	0	0
And for Commiſſions for examining, receiving and delivering Hemp into and out of the Store, — — —	8	7	3
Remains a Balance, in the Officer's Hand, of — —	19	19	7½
	£ 100	0	0

All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe.

And the ſaid Committee gave this Houſe to underſtand, that beſides the ſaid Sum of *Eight Hundred Ninety-ſix Pounds, Nine Shillings*, and *Six-pence Halfpenny*, which the ſaid Collector of the Impoſt is in Arrears upon his ſaid Account, it does not appear that the ſaid *Owen Roberts* has taken Security for Payment of the Duty upon Wines, Rum, and other Liquors, of late imported, nor renders any Account at all of ſuch Importations ſince the eighth of the Month called *May* laſt.

Whereupon a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Collector, *Owen Roberts*, has been, and is, negligent in his Duty, in not accounting with and paying the Provincial Treaſurer the Monies ariſing from the ſaid Impoſt, according to the Direction of the late Act of Aſſembly in that Caſe made and provided? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Alſo a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Provincial Treaſurer has failed of his Duty in not calling the ſaid Collector to Account, and, by due Courſe of Law, cauſe him to pay, or take Security for the ſaid Impoſt, as the ſaid Act of Aſſembly directs? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Thomas Redman*, acquaint the Treaſurer with the Reſolve of the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Mayor and Recorder of the City of *Philadelphia* attended this Houſe with ſome Minutes taken Yeſterday in Council, *viz.* Requeſting the Loan of *Three Hundred Pounds* in Bills of Credit, for the Paying off and Diſcharging the Debts due from the Corporation to the Perſons who lent them Money for the Building the New-Market Stalls, to be re-paid out of the Rents ariſing from the ſaid Stalls; and the further Loan of *Three Hundred Pounds* for the Making and Repairing Bridges, Wharffs, *&c.* (in Conſideration of its being for the Publick Good) may be lent without Intereſt. After ſome Debate, 9th Mo. 26. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That *Thirty-five Pounds* a Piece be allowed as a Reward to the Signers of the Paper Bills; and that an Addition of *Twenty Pounds per Annum* a Piece be allowed to the Truſtees for emitting the ſaid Bills during the Continuance of the former Act; and after, *Seventy Pounds per Annum* a Piece during the Continuance of this Act; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 9th Mo. 27.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Morris Morris*, wait on the Governor with the Copy of the Money Bill for his Peruſal, according to his Requeſt: Who return, and report, they had delivered the Bill, according to Order, to the Governor; who was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould call a Council this Afternoon, and conſider of it, and ſend a Meſſage to this Houſe, with his further Sentiments.

The Members appointed to acquaint the Provincial Treaſurer of the Vote of this Houſe, and to enquire what Sum the Province might have Occaſion of to diſcharge the Debts thereon, return, and report, they had done their Meſſage; and the ſaid Treaſurer had delivered to them, in Writing, a Requeſt for the Loan of *Fifteen Hundred Pounds*; which was read.

Samuel Levis had Leave to go Home, on an extraordinary Occaſion.

The Houſe went on the Filling up the Blanks in the Money Bill.

Andrew Bradford being ſent for to the Houſe, about printing the Bills of Credit, was ordered to deſire *William Fiſhbourn* to go along with him to the Paper-Mill, and agree for the Paper at the loweſt Rates; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A written Meſſage, from the Governor, was ſent to the Houſe by his Secretary, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly, Governor's Meſſage.

'YOU will find on the Journals of your Houſe, that *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, current Money, was voted, ſome Years ago, to be applied towards procuring his Majeſty's royal Aſſent to the Law for Advancement of Juſtice, and as a Reward juſtly due to *Thomas Beake*, Eſq; whom I had ſucceſsfully employed, at that Time, in the Publick Service of this Province: Of that Sum, *Fifty Pounds* was indeed paid towards diſcharging the Fees of the ſeveral Offices at *White-Hall*, which had been diſburſed by a Gentleman in *London*; but Mr. *Beake*, to this Day, has never received one Penny Gratuity; and moſt juſtly complains to me, that he thinks he has deſerved better at your Hands for the many good Offices which, to my Knowledge, he has done for the Publick Advantage of this Province during my Adminiſtration.

'I cannot doubt, on this Occaſion, but you will order the remaining *Hundred Pounds* to be remitted to him; and if you think fit to conſider of the Motives which, at this Time, has induced your Neighbours of *New-Jerſey* to appoint an Agent, well qualified, to attend the Service and Intereſt of that Province in *England*, I am perſwaded you will find the ſame, and perhaps yet more, good Reaſons for you to do the like here; or if any of your Laws ſhould happen to be repealed for want of ſuch a neceſſary Officer to appear for your Intereſt, againſt the private Inſinuations of deſigning Men, I hope the Blame will not be laid upon me.'

November 27, 1723. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

A Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Redman*, go to *Iſaac Norris*, and ſignify that there was an Order of the 18th of the *Sixth Month*, 1720, for the Payment of *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* for an Agent in *London*, to negotiate the Publick Affairs of this Province; *Fifty Pounds* of which was paid to *Henry Goldney*, and that *One Hundred Pounds* is yet unpaid, and demanded by *Thomas Beake*; and deſire to know if he can tell the Reaſons for Non-payment thereof.

The Petition of *Owen Roberts*, ſetting forth, the preſent Scarcity of Money lays him under ſuch Difficulties in collecting his outſtanding Debts, that he finds it altogether impoſſible to diſcharge the Debts due to the Publick before the intended Fund be emitted, praying this honourable Houſe to extend their Favours, and allow him ſome Time after the Currency is emitted; and likewiſe, the Liberty to take up at the Loan-Office any Sum not ex-

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9th Mo. 27. The Petition of ſome Merchants and Gentlemen of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the many ill Conſequences that may attend a Paper Currency, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That it be referred to another Time.

After ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That *One Thouſand Pounds*, out of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* to be emitted, be put into the Provincial Treaſury, to defray the Charges of this Province; that *One Thouſand Pounds* more be put into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the County of *Philadelphia*; that *Three Hundred Pounds* be lent to the City of *Philadelphia* for four Years, without Intereſt, to be applied towards building and repairing publick Wharffs and Bridges; that *Three Hundred Pounds* more be lent to the ſaid City upon Intereſt; that *Four Hundred Pounds* be put into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the County of *Cheſter*; and that *Two Hundred Pounds* be put into the Hands of the Treaſurer of the County of *Bucks*.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Samuel Nutt*, go to the Governor, and deſire the Return of the Money Bill, in order to a third Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 28.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed brought the Bill back to the Houſe; and then the Houſe entered on a third Reading, and, after ſeveral Alterations and Amendments,

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Samuel Nutt*, return the ſaid Bill to the Governor for Peruſal, and acquaint the Governor how far the Houſe have gone in the third Reading.

William Fiſhbourn, and *Andrew Bradford*, purſuant to the Requeſt of Yeſterday, preſented to the Houſe, in Writing, the Progreſs they had made in the Affair to them referred, which was read.

Ordered, That they forthwith appoint the ſaid Perſons to go to work, but with this Caution, if the Money Bill ſhould meet with any Obſtruction, they ſhould be informed of it.

The Petition of *Daniel Hodgſon*, praying the Ferry over *Neſhaminey* may be granted to him for what Term, and under what Reſtrictions and Limitations the Houſe ſhall judge convenient; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Secretary brought back the Bill, and acquainted the Houſe, that the Governor and Council have gone as far as the Blanks; and then the Houſe proceeded in the Reading of the Bill; and coming to the Paragraph concerning the Sinking the Bills of Credit, put into the Provincial Treaſury, a long Debate aroſe about opening the Port, and laying an Exciſe.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that there ſhall be, throughout this Province, raiſed, levied, collected and paid, Exciſe for all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits retailed, ſold, drawn or bartered by any Perſon or Perſons whatſoever, by any Quantity under fifty Gallons, and delivered at one Time, and to one Perſon? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Duties laid on the Importations (except on *Negroes* and Convicts) be taken off? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, repair to *Owen Roberts*, in order to inform the Houſe, To-morrow Morning, what the Exciſe of *Eight-pence per* Gallon amounted to *per Annum*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 29.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to go to *Owen Roberts* for the Amount of the Exciſe of *Eight-pence per* Gallon, brought the Particulars in Writing to the Houſe; which were read.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of an Exciſe; and, after Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Eight-pence per* Gallon be put on Wine retailed? *It paſſed in the Negative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Six-pence per* Gallon be put on Wine retailed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that *Four-pence per* Gallon, Exciſe, be paid for Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Spirits diſtilled in this Province, and exported, ſhall have a Bounty allowed of *Two-pence per* Gallon? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Governor's Secretary preſented to the Houſe a Paper, containing a Propoſal for an Addition of ſome Clauſes to the Money Bill; and that the Governor appointed the Council to meet this Afternoon, in order to diſpatch Buſineſs; which was read and conſidered.

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Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining*, and *John Kearſley*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, there are ſome Alterations and Additions to be made to the Bill, which cannot be completed this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. *9th Mo.* 29. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that he was pleaſed to ſay, that if he might have the Bill by Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning, he would then call his Council; but would much rather have it deferred till *Tueſday*.

Then the Houſe went on a long Debate on a certain Clauſe in the Money Bill; on which a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Sums in the ſaid Bills of Credit, paid into the Loan-Office, over and above the yearly Quotas appointed to be ſunk, ſhall be lett out again by the Truſtees? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of the Church-Wardens of *Chriſt-Church*, *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the many ill Conſequences that may attend the Paſſing an Act here, to admit in all Caſes the Affirmation, excluding the ſacred Name, *&c.* praying that this Houſe would ſeriouſly weigh and conſider the ſame; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *9th Mo.* 30.

The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of the Money Bill, and made ſome Amendments and Alterations.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for cleanſing the River* Schuylkill, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Second of *December*. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *10th Mo.* 2.

The Petition of *Aaron Harding*, and *Thomas Burrell*, ſetting forth the abſolute Neceſſity of ſkilful Pilots to navigate Veſſels up and down the River *Delaware*; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *10th Mo.* 3.

The Houſe proceeded in the third Reading of the Money Bill; and having made ſome Amendments,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be paſſed into a Law.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Thomas Redman*, do carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for cleanſing the River* Schuylkill, was read the ſecond Time, and committed.

The Petition of *John Baldwin*, requeſting the Ferry over *Neſhaminey*, was read a third Time.

The Petition of *Daniel Hodgſon*, requeſting the ſaid Ferry over *Neſhaminey*, *&c.* was read a ſecond Time, and rejected.

Ordered, That *John Baldwin* have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of his Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *10th Mo.* 4.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act laying an Exciſe on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits retailed in this Province*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of the People called *Quakers*, for the ſolemn Affirmation, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Cheſter* County for the ſolemn Affirmation, was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Church Wardens and Veſtry of *Chriſt Church*, *Philadelphia*, againſt the Affirmation, was read the ſecond Time.

After Debate on the ſaid Petitions, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes, be re-aſſumed and brought into this Houſe? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned the Money Bill, with ſeveral Amendments propoſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe, after a long Debate about the Governor's Amendments,

Reſolved, That the firſt be conceded to, by adding Four Thouſand *Eighteen Penny* Bills out of the *One* and *Two Shillings*.

Reſolved, That the Word [*Paid*] is in the Statute, and is more agreeable than [*Tendered*.]

Reſolved, That the third Amendment be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

Reſolved, That the Fourth ſtand as in the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Fifth be conceded to, and a Clauſe prepared for the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, &c.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the third Amendment referred to this Day.

Reſolved, It ſtand as in the Bill.

Reſolved, That the Bill with the Amendments now made do paſs into a Law.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *William Biles*, and *Samuel Levis*, carry the Bill to the Governor as amended for his Concurrence: Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bill, according to Order, to the Governor, who looked over the Amendments; and was pleaſed to ſay, he would give it all the Diſpatch lay in his Power.

And then the Houſe went on the ſecond Reading of the Exciſe Bill.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Reſolved, That all Quantities of Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits, ſhall pay *Fourpence per* Gallon Exciſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act laying an Exciſe on all Wine, Rum, Brandy, and other Spirits*, &c. being read the ſecond Time, was committed, with the Amendments, to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Kearſley*.

Morris Morris, and *Matthias Holſton*, had Leave to be abſent this Evening.

Adjournment. 10th Mo. 6.

The Petition of *John Hyatt*, ſetting forth, that the preſent Collector of Exciſe intimated to him that he was willing to relinquiſh, &c. and praying to be admitted Collector of the Exciſe now deſigned to be laid, was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes*, was brought into this Houſe, read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned the Money Bill, with ſome other Amendments propoſed; and alſo acquainted this Houſe that the Council will meet To-morrow, and ſhall then deſire the Attendance of the whole Houſe, in order to ſign the Addreſs to the King.

The Members appointed brought in the Exciſe Bill, with the Amendments, in order to a third Reading, which was read accordingly.

Ordered, That a Clauſe be added to repeal the Impoſt and other Acts.

The Houſe went on the other Amendments propoſed to the Money Bill by the Governor, and agreed to Part of them.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Kearſley*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed to carry the Money Bill to the Governor, brought the ſame back, and report, that the Governor does agree to the Bill.

Adjournment. 10th Mo. 7.

Ordered, That the Bill be ingroſſed, in order to paſs into a Law; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Clauſe being added to the Exciſe Bill, according to the Order of Yeſterday, was read; and, after Debate,

Reſolved, That the Impoſt be continued till the firſt Day of *February* next, and no longer.

The Governor, by his Secretary, defired the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, in order to ſign the Addreſs to the King: Accordingly the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor, and ſigned the Addreſs to the King (with an Exception to ſome Part of the Stile) in theſe Words; *Thoſe of the Houſe of Repreſentatives who are of the Profeſſion of the People called* Quakers, *do heartily agree in the whole Subſtance of this Addreſs; but beg Leave to except againſt ſome Part of the Stile thereof.* And the ſame was ſigned by Order of the Houſe, *N. C. D.*

Reſolved, That the Bill, intituled, *An Act laying an Exciſe on Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits*, &c. now read the third Time, be paſſed into a Law.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Redman*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence thereto.

A Member of Council, from the Governor, acquainted the Houſe, that if they pleaſe they may have a Copy of the Addreſs to the King.

Adjournment. 10th Mo. 9. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Richard Hill made Application to this Houſe for ſome Conſideration for his Services as one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and delivered in his Account; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ninth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, Paragraph by Paragraph, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Bill be committed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Accordingly the ſaid Bill was committed to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Job Goodſon*, *Anthony Morris*, and *Samuel Levis*.

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The Petition of divers Inn-holders and Tavern-keepers, ſetting forth, that the Recorder of this City obliges them to pay unlawful Fees for their Recommendations, and praying Redreſs; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. 1723. 10*th Mo.* 9. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 10*th Mo.* 10.

The Petition of *John Gratho*, requeſting Leave to bring in a Bill for his Naturalization, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That Leave be given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer thereof.

The Bill intituled, *An Act preſcribing the Forms*, &c. being now read the third Time, with the Amendments, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be paſſed into a Law? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned the Exciſe Bill, with ſome Amendments propoſed, which were in Part agreed to.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *John Croſby*, *Job Goodſon*, and *William Biles*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Philadelphia* againſt the Affirmation Bill, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members appointed to carry the Exciſe Bill to the Governor, report, that the Governor agrees to the Bill as now amended; and that the Governor deſires to have the Peruſal of all the Petitions relating to the Affirmation Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Ferry over* Neſhaminey, *&c.* was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, *&c.* againſt the Affirmation Bill, was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, and *Job Goodſon*, wait on the Governor with the Petitions, according to his Requeſt: Who return, and report, they delivered the ſame according to Order.

The Houſe entered on a Debate about the Support of the Adminiſtration of this Government.

Reſolved, That the preſent Governor, Sir *William Keith*, Baronet, have *One Thouſand Pounds* allowed, and paid him, for this current Year; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 10*th Mo.* 11.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Ferry over* Neſhaminey *Creek to John Baldwin's*, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Petition of *Hugh Hughes*, complaining againſt *Thomas Lawrence*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Reſolved, That the Pound Act be repealed, and the Rangers prohibited, unleſs licenced by the Quarter-Seſſions; and that no Stone-horſe two Years old, and under thirteen Hands high, be ſuffered to run at large; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for emitting and making current* Thirty Thouſand Pounds, *&c.* and the ingroſſed Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying an Exciſe*, &c. being examined,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Redman*, do carry the ſaid Bills to the Governor, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall attend, in order to have them paſſed into Laws: Who return, and report, they had done their Meſſage, and delivered the Bills, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would call his Council at Three a Clock To-morrow Afternoon, in order to receive the Houſe; and alſo, that he expected to be informed by a Meſſenger from this Houſe of the Support voted laſt Night.

The Members appointed, the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *November* laſt, to ſpeak to *Iſaac Norris*, report, that he ſays there was an Order, iſſued from the Speaker, for *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds*, to be employed towards paying an Agent in *England*; and that an Account of about *Fifty Pounds*, expended in that Affair by *Henry Goldney*, was paid; and that *Thomas Beake* had taken Pains in that Affair, and had not received any Reward; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 10*th Mo.* 12.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Ferry over* Neſhaminey, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That it be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor.

The Petition of *Hugh Hughes*, againſt *Thomas Lawrence*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

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UPON reading of Hugh Hughes's *Petition againſt* Thomas Lawrence, *complaining of divers Injuries done to the Petitioner, not only upon his own Account, but alſo for the Hindrances he met with by Occaſion of the ſaid* Lawrence's *obſtructing him in negotiating the Affairs of his Maſter,* Robert Tredway, *Eſq; who intruſted him with* Negroes *and Effects to purchaſe Lands, and carry on Plantation Work in this Province; as alſo, to diſpoſe of Cargoes, and make Remittances for Merchandize conſigned to him; and more eſpecially of the Oppreſſion the Petitioner lies under, by Reaſon of an Injunction lately obtained by the ſaid* Lawrence *to ſtay the Petitioner's Suit at Common Law, not only for his own wrongful Impriſonment; as alſo the Sheriff's Suit againſt the ſaid* Lawrence *for not returning certain* Negroes *of the ſaid* Tredway's, *according to the Judgment of the Supreme Court.*

This Houſe, taking the Premiſes into Conſideration, find that the Matter is depending before the Governor in a Courſe of Equity; and this Houſe not doubting but Juſtice will be adminiſtred to the Parties, earneſtly deſire it may be done ſpeedily, being the Petitioner's Circumſtances, as well as his Maſter's Affairs, ſeem to call loudly for it.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Samuel Nutt,* and *Morris Morris,* wait on the Governor with the ſame.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons of the County of *Philadelphia,* praying, that all navigable Creeks may be kept open, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading immediately; and was read accordingly.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe, to anſwer the Prayer of the ſaid Petition, be put into the Bill, intituled, *An Act for cleanſing the River* Schuylkill.

Two Members of Council brought the Money Bill and Exciſe Bill from the Governor, in order to examine them with a Committee of this Houſe; and a Committee being appointed, the Bills were examined accordingly, and returned to the Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley,* and *Thomas Redman,* do carry the Reſolve of the tenth Inſtant, ſigned by the Speaker, about the Support, to the Governor: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to return his Thanks to this Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſame Members go to *Iſaac Norris,* and deliver him the following Order.

WHEREAS by a Reſolve of the Aſſembly, of the 18*th of the* Sixth Month, 1720, *there was an Order iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, for the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *out of the Treaſury, payable to the then Speaker* William Trent, Iſaac Norris, *and* Jonathan Dickinſon, *or any two of them in Truſt, to anſwer ſuch Demands as then did or ſhould appear due in* Great-Britain *for the Publick Services of this Province, purſuant to the Vote of Aſſembly,* May 31, 1718; *and that the ſaid Perſons lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from Time to Time. And this Houſe is given to underſtand, that about* One Hundred Pounds *of the ſaid Money ſtill remains with the Treaſurer, and the Order of Payment in the Hands of the ſaid* Iſaac Norris, *who is hereby ordered to deliver the ſame to* John Kearſley, *and* Thomas Redman, *two of the Members of this Houſe, whoſe Receipt ſhall be his Diſcharge for the ſaid Order; and that the ſaid Members bring the ſame forthwith to this Aſſembly.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Who return, and report, he is not inclined to deliver up the ſaid Order.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Vining, Anthony Morris,* and *Samuel Hudſon,* with the Aſſiſtance of the Treaſurer, take upon them to procure Bills of Exchange, Gold, or Silver, to the Value of *One Hundred Pounds,* Proclamation Money, to be remitted to *Thomas Beake,* for Services done, and to be done, for this Government; and that they take Care to remit the ſame forthwith; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, deſiring the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, immediately, in order to paſs the Bills into Laws: Who accordingly attended; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, That he had preſented to the Governor the two ingroſſed Bills; to which he was pleaſed to give his Aſſent, and to paſs them into Laws, the Titles whereof are as follow, *viz.*

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An Act for emitting and making current Thirty Thouſand Pounds *in Bills of Credit.*
An Act laying an Exciſe on all Wine, Rum, Brandy and other Spirits, retailed.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Croſby*, go to the Rolls-Office, and ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Laws: Who return, and report, the Seals were fixed to them in their Preſence. 10th Mo. 12.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand upon the Treaſurer for the Payment of *One Thouſand Pounds* to Sir *William Keith*, Baronet, for his Support this current Year; which was drawn accordingly, and ſigned by the Speaker.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Redman*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid Order, and that they acquaint the Governor how far the Houſe have proceeded in the Affair of *Thomas Beake*, &c. Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage, and the ſaid Order, which the Governor kindly accepted; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 10th Mo. 13.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of appointing an Agency in *England*, for the negotiating the Publick Affairs of this Province, in Relation to the Obtaining the royal Aſſent to the Laws now paſſed.

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue an Order, under his Hand, for the Payment of the ſaid *Hundred Pounds*, according to Yeſterday's Reſolve, which was done accordingly, and is as follows, *viz.*

WHEREAS by a Reſolve of the Aſſembly, on the 18th of the Sixth Month, 1720, *there was an Order iſſued, under the then Speaker's Hand, for the Sum of* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds *out of the Treaſury, payable to* William Trent, Iſaac Norris, *and* Jonathan Dickinſon, *or any two of them in Truſt, to anſwer ſuch Demands as then did or ſhould appear due in* Great-Britain, *for the Publick Services of this Province, purſuant to the Vote of Aſſembly,* May 31, 1718, *and that the ſaid Perſons ſhould lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from Time to Time: Now this Houſe is given to underſtand, that there is about* One Hundred Pounds *of the ſaid Money ſtill remaining in the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, and the Order of Payment in the Hands of the ſaid* Iſaac Norris, *who ſeems not inclinable to deliver up the ſame: And whereas the Iſſuing of the ſaid Order was with an Intent to ſettle an Agency to negotiate the Publick Affairs of this Province, and to obtain the Royal Approbation of our Laws tranſmitted from Time to Time; and this Houſe is given to underſtand, that one* Thomas Beake *has negotiated ſome of our Laws with Succeſs, but has not been yet rewarded for his Trouble: Now foraſmuch as the Truſt repoſed by the ſaid Aſſembly in the aforeſaid* William Trent, Iſaac Norris, *and* Jonathan Dickinſon, *is not performed; therefore it is ordered by this Houſe, that the ſaid Order, iſſued for Payment of the ſaid* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *as aforeſaid, be countermanded, and the Treaſurer's Acceptance thereof ſhall be of no Effect, as to what remains not applied towards the ſaid Negotiation; but that the Provincial Treaſurer (with the firſt Money that ſhall come into the Treaſury) is hereby required to pay* One Hundred Pounds, *Part of the ſaid* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds, *to ſuch Perſon or Perſons as* Benjamin Vining, Anthony Morris, *and* Samuel Hudſon, *ſhall direct, towards purchaſing Bills of Exchange, or procuring Gold or Silver to that Value; which ſhall be applied,* to wit, Fifty Pounds *thereof to ſatisfy the ſaid* Beake *for his former Services, and the other* Fifty Pounds *to engage him in the further Negotiation of our Laws, in order to obtain the Royal Allowance; and that the ſaid* Benjamin Vining, Anthony Morris, *and* Samuel Hudſon, *wait upon the Governor for his Advice and Direction therein. And that the Members appointed for remitting the ſaid* One Hundred Pounds *to* Thomas Beake, *draw up the Reaſons of ſtriking a Paper Currency in this Province, craving the Aſſiſtance of the Governor therein; which being ſigned by the Speaker, they ſhall tranſmit Home with the ſaid* One Hundred Pounds.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *John Croſby*, and *Job Goodſon*, wait on the Governor, and lay before him the above Order to peruſe, and deſire to know how far the Governor has proceeded in the Affirmation Bill, and alſo bring back the Petitions relating to the Affirmation Bill, and know the Governor's Mind about ſending Home a Repreſentation of the preſent State of the Country in Relation to a Paper Currency; and alſo that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the Twenty-ſeventh of *April* next: Who return, and report, that the Governor agrees to the Time of Adjournment, and will be willing to aſſiſt the Members appointed, according to the Requeſt of this Houſe; and that the Petitions lie at his Secretary's, which he will order to be delivered; and the ſaid Members brought a Paper from the Governor, containing his private Sentiments about the Affirmation Bill, having not yet had an Opportunity to lay it before his Council.

A Debate ariſing in the Houſe concerning the Magiſtrates ſlighting ſundry Laws paſſed by the laſt Aſſembly;

Reſolv

1723. 10th Mo. 13. *Reſolved*, That *John Swift*, *Benjamin Vining*, *Francis Rawle*, *Thomas Redman*, and *Anthony Morris*, be appointed to take Affidavits of the ſaid Matter, and lay the ſame before this Aſſembly at their next Meeting.

Andrew Bradford being ſent for, was agreed with to print one hundred Copies of the Laws paſſed this Seſſions, and to deliver them to the Magiſtrates of this Province, ſtitched and covered, at *Twenty-eight Shillings per* Sheet; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-ſeventh Day of *April* next.

Adjournment.

1724. 2d Mo. 27. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Morris Morris*, and *John Croſby*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 28. The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing at preſent to lay before this Houſe.

The Petition of *James Mole*, *John Henderſon*, and *John Creighton*, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips they labour under about a Letter of Adminiſtration taken out by *Thomas Hill*, and praying Relief, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of divers of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, relating to the ſaid Matter, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, &c.

An Act, intituled, *A Bill for demoliſhing and removing fiſhing Dams, Wares and Riddles, ſet croſs the River* Schuylkill, *and other Nuſances in navigable Rivers*, was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

An Act, intituled, *A Bill to enable Truſtees to ſell the old Court-Houſe and Priſon belonging to the Borough and County of* Cheſter, was, by the Requeſt of ſome Members of the ſaid County, introduced into the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of a great Number of Perſons, born under the Allegiance of the Emperor of *Germany*, ſetting forth, that they have removed themſelves and Families into this Province, and purchaſed Lands, &c. which they are not capable to hold to them and their Heirs; therefore humbly pray that they may be enabled, by a Law, to buy and hold Lands, and enjoy other the Benefits, as the reſt of the Inhabitants of this Province; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Ordered, That the Commitee appointed laſt Seſſion to inſpect the Publick Accounts, *viz. Anthony Morris*, *Benjamin Vining*, *William Biles*, and *William Webb*, do further ſettle and adjuſt the ſaid Accounts, and make Report to this Houſe before this Seſſions is ended; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 2d Mo. 29. The Houſe met, &c.

The Petition of the *Palatines*, deſiring to be enabled to buy and hold Lands, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon, the Houſe

Reſolved, That as many of the Petitioners as, before the firſt Day of *May* next, ſhall bring Certificates, under the Hands and Seals of a Quorum of the Juſtices from their Quarterly or private Seſſions, ſignifying what Lands they hold, and of what Converſation they are reputed; and alſo have taken the Oaths or Affirmations and Declarations of Fidelity and Allegiance, together with the Profeſſion of their Chriſtian Belief, as the Law in ſuch Caſes directs, ſhall have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and ſuch of the ſaid Petitioners as do not produce Certificates of the Tenor above-mentioned, within the Time aforeſaid, may apply to the reſpective Quarterly Seſſions, to be held then next after, and bring the ſame to this or the ſucceeding Aſſembly; and it is the Requeſt of this Houſe to the ſaid Juſtices, where Applications are made for ſuch Certificates, that they examine the Parties concerning what Lands they hold, and make ſuch further Enquiries into their Characters, Belief and Behaviour, and certify accordingly, as above directed.

The Petition of a great Number of *Bucks* County Inhabitants, ſetting forth, that the preſent Court-Houſe and Priſon at *Briſtol* is not ſufficient, and that the Ground is not confirmed to the County, and that its being in one Corner of the County, is very incommodious for the greater Part of the ſaid Inhabitants; and praying Leave to bring in a Bill to impower them to build a new Court-Houſe and Priſon at *Newtown*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſell the old Court-Houſe and Priſon at* Cheſter, &c. was read the ſecond Time, Paragraph by Paragraph, and ordered a third Reading.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for demoliſhing and removing Fiſhing-dams*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated. 1724.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Clauſe in the Bill relating to Bridges be ſtruck out? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.* 2d Mo. 29.

Reſolved, That the other Part of the Bill, excepting what relates to the Friend *Indians*, be committed; and the ſaid Bill was committed for the ſaid Amendments, in order to a third Reading To-Morrow Morning.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to improve the Breed of Horſes, and regulate Rangers*, was introduced into this Houſe by a Member, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, requeſting that a Bridge may be built over *Brandywine*, at *John Chadd*'s Ford, at the County Charge; and that Grinding and Boulting be regulated as to the Prices; as alſo Stone Horſes running at large; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 2d Mo. 30.

The Perſons appointed to remit Home the *Hundred Pounds* to *Thomas Beake*, report, that they have done according to Order, and likewiſe delivered in at the Table a Bill of Loading ſpecifying the ſame; and alſo that they had ſent with it the Reaſons of ſtriking a Paper Currency, with the Governor's Letter to the ſaid *Beake*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to ſell the old Court-Houſe and Priſon at* Cheſter, *&c.* was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to improve the Breed of Horſes, and regulate Rangers*, was read the ſecond Time, and committed to *William Biles* and *Thomas Chandler*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* John Cratho, Caſpar Wiſtar, *and* Nicholas Geatau, *to trade, and to buy and hold Lands in this Province*, was brought into this Houſe, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of *Cheſter* County Inhabitants, for a Bridge over *Brandywine*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners may erect a Bridge at the County Charge, according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and that that Part of the Petition relating to Grinding and Boulting, be laid aſide as impracticable; and that Part relating to Stone Horſes is anſwered in the Bill now before the Houſe.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for demoliſhing and removing Fiſhing-dams*, &c. was read the third Time, and amended.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill as now amended do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of this Province, and the *Jerſeys*, recommending *Silvanus Smout* as a fit Perſon to attend on the two Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, requeſting the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter* may be continued to him, who is likewiſe recommended by a great many, both of this Province and the *Jerſeys*, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 1.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* John Cratho, *&c. to trade, and to buy and hold Lands*, was read a ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading this Afternoon.

The Petition of *James Mole*, *John Henderſon*, and *John Creighton*, ſetting forth the many Hardſhips they labour under, about a Letter of Adminiſtration taken out by *Thomas Hill*, was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, relating to the ſaid Affair, was read the ſecond Time.

Then was produced to the Houſe the Proprietaries Warrant for the Running the Circular Line betwixt the Counties of *Cheſter* and *New-Caſtle*, and the Draught of the ſame run accordingly, which appears to this Houſe to agree with the Letters Patents; as alſo ſundry Affidavits were read relating to the ſaid Petitions. After Debate upon the ſame,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Samuel Nutt*, draw up a Repreſentation thereof to lay before the Governor, and bring it to this Houſe To-morrow Morning.

Then the Houſe entered on a Debate about the Publick Accounts, and it was moved that there was an Omiſſion in the former Accounts of the Duty of a large Quantity of Rum imported, which the ſaid Committee have Orders to inſpect into.

Ordered, That *Samuel Hudſon* be added to the ſaid Committee.

1724. 3d Mo. 1. *Ordered*, That *Job Goodſon*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, carry the following Bills to the Governor for his Concurrence thereto, and know the Governor's Pleaſure about the Affirmation Bill; and alſo bring Back the Petitions.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Ferry over* Neſhaminey *Creek to* John Baldwin.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for demoliſhing and removing Fiſhing-dams, Wares and Riddles, ſet croſs the River* Schuylkill, *and other Nuſances in navigable Rivers.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Truſtees to ſell the old Court-Houſe and Priſon belonging to the Borough and County of* Cheſter.

The Petition of the Mayor and Recorder of the City of *Philadelphia*, requeſting that the Ferries to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter* may be veſted in the Mayor and Commonalty of the ſaid City for the Time being, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Bucks* County for the Priſon and Court-Houſe to be built at *New-Town*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* John Cratho, *and others, to trade, and to buy and hold Lands*, &c. was read the third Time, and amended.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed to lay before the Governor, and that the Members, appointed to carry the other Bills, carry this alſo, and deſire the Governor's Concurrence.

The Petition of the Mayor and Recorder of the City of *Philadelphia*, requeſting the Ferries, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, recommending *Silvanus Smout* for the ſaid Ferry, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith* for the ſaid Ferry, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petitions be laid aſide, being there is above one Year yet unexpired of the Term for which it was granted to the ſaid *Armſtrong Smith.*

The Members appointed to carry the Bills to the Governor, report, that they delivered them according to Order; and that he has conſidered the Affirmation Bill, and will order his Secretary to deliver the Petitions; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment. 3d Mo. 2.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, brought the ſame to the Houſe, which was read, and, after ſome Amendments, agreed to, *N. C. D.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, and is as follows, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs.

THE Care the Governor has taken to preſerve this Province from inteſtine Diſorders, as well as Inſults and Diſturbances from Abroad, has been ſo evident, that we reaſonably conclude, any Thing contrary to this cannot be ſooner known than his utmoſt Care will be ready to redreſs ſuch Grievances.

It is upon this Dependance we, at this time, do addreſs the Governor, that he would be pleaſed to put a Stop to a moſt pernicious Incroachment upon the Boundaries of our Province, neighbouring upon New-Caſtle *County, which hath been greatly complained of to us by the Inhabitants of* Cheſter *County in two Petitions, confirmed by the ſolemn Depoſitions of ſeveral Perſons, ſetting forth many barbarous and violent Aſſaults on ſundry Perſons, to the great Terror of the Inhabitants, the Loſs of their Goods, and Neglect of their Farms and neceſſary Employments; and what is yet more aggravating and injurious to the King's Peace, divers Attempts have been made, and Endeavours ſtill uſed, to force ſeveral Perſons out of this Government: The ill Conſequences of which, we humbly conceive, may tend very much to leſſen the Publick Funds of our Province, and thereby render the Inhabitants leſs able to ſupport Government; and alſo in ſome Meaſure injure the Credit of our new Currency, giving at the ſame time a Liberty to act Hoſtilities, under Pretence of Law and Authority; which, with too great Probability, may be feared will render ſome Men, within thoſe controverted Places, ſo indifferent to all Law and Government, as to ſet up an Independance, not eaſy to be brought to Subjection.*

What Pretences the Incroachers upon our Boundaries can have, we know not; but legal Ones we are certain they cannot have. The King's Charter, granted to our Proprietary, for this Province, as well as the Deed of Feoffment from the Duke of York *for* New-Caſtle, *and the Adjacents, doth expreſly confirm the Bounds to twelve Miles Diſtance from the Town of* New-Caſtle: *Beſides, our Proprietary, whoſe Power therein we hope is not diſputed, did, by a War-*

a Warrant under his own Hand, appoint two ſkilful Artiſts, with ſix Juſtices of the Peace, to run the ſaid Diviſion-line as the King's Charter, &c. doth direct; which was accordingly done in the Year 1701. 1724. 3d Mo. 2.

That Incroachments of this Kind complained of are really Grievances to the Subject, as well as Loſs to the Proprietary, which the Governor, we doubt not, is fully ſenſible of; therefore crave of him, as he is ſo providentially placed over both the Governments, as well where the Complainants as the Offenders reſpectively inhabit, that he would uſe that Power, and diſcreet Management, which we are fully ſenſible he is maſter of, to compoſe thoſe Differences, and, as much as may be, redreſs the Grievances of thoſe who have been ſo greatly injured in this Affair. And this Houſe is humbly of Opinion, that the moſt effectual Means to allay the Commotions amongſt the People on this Side the Diviſion-line is, to ſuperſede or call in ſuch Warrants as give Colour to carry Perſons to New-Caſtle *Goal, that may be apprehended in* Cheſter *County for Facts committed in that County: Therefore it is the earneſt Requeſt of this Houſe, that the Magiſtrates, on each Side of the Line, may be directed by the Governor to obſerve it, as the proper Limit of their Juriſdiction.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe, by

May 2, 1724. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *John Kearſley*, *Job Goodſon*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, preſent the ſame to the Governor.

The Petition of *Everard Boulton*, and *Margaret* his Wife, and *Samuel Jones*, *Jacob Jones*, &c. deſiring the Aid of this Houſe to enable the Truſtees, appointed by the laſt Will and Teſtament of *John Jones*, late of *Philadelphia* Merchant, or others, if the ſaid Truſtees decline the ſame, to ſell and diſtribute the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Jones* amongſt his Children, according to the Direction of his ſaid laſt Will and Teſtament; was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſundry Perſons, who had taken ſome Counterfeit Bills, iſſued by one *John Jones*, who eſcaped out of the Hands of the Officer carrying him to Priſon, *&c.* ſetting forth, that they ought not to ſuffer through the Negligence of the Printer, and praying that they may have ſome Relief, *&c.* was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Members appointed to carry the Addreſs to the Governor, return, and report, they delivered it according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould prepare a ſuitable Anſwer to lay before the Houſe in Writing on *Monday* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fourth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 4. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Nutt*, and *Matthias Holſton*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, are ready to receive and conſider any Thing he ſhall pleaſe to offer; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 5.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould ſend an Anſwer to the Addreſs of *Saturday* this Afternoon, or To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Thomas Burrell*, and *Aaron Harding*, requeſting that a ſufficient Number of ſkilful Men be appointed Pilots for this River, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That inaſmuch as the Petitioners are not recommended by Owners of Veſſels and Maſters, the Petition be rejected.

The Petition of the Inn-holders and Tavern-keepers, ſetting forth, that the Recorder obliges them to pay larger Fees than the Law in that Caſe allows, and praying Redreſs; was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That the ſaid Debate be referred to another Time.

The Petition of *Everard Boulton*, and *Margaret*, his Wife, and the Children of *John Jones*, deceaſed, *&c.* deſiring Leave to bring in a Bill to enable Truſtees to ſell and diſpoſe of the Eſtate of the ſaid *John Jones*, in order to divide the ſame amongſt them, as the Will directs, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill accordingly.

The Petition of thoſe Perſons who had taken Counterfeit Bills of Credit, iſſued by one *John Jones*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That *Thomas Chandler*, and *Joſeph Fell*, acquaint *Andrew Bradford*, that the Houſe orders him to appear before them betwixt Three and Four of the Clock this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

Andrew Bradford, according to Order, attended the Houſe, and being called in, was reprimanded by the Speaker, for his Negligence in his Truſt; was adviſed to make Satisfaction

1724. 3d Mo. 5. tion to the Perſons agrrieved, without ſuffering himſelf to be compelled thereto by Courſe of Law.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Jones* go to the Legatees of *John Jones* deceaſed, and acquaint them with the Order of the Houſe: Who returned, and brought in a Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments; and alſo the perſonal Eſtate of* John Jones, *late of* Philadelphia *Merchant, deceaſed, in Truſtees to be ſold, and the Monies ariſing, by Sale of the real and whole perſonal Eſtate, to be divided amongſt the Children of the ſaid* John Jones, *according as in and by the laſt Will and Teſtament is directed*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Tavern-keepers Petition; and, after ſome Time ſpent, the Houſe came to this Reſolution, *viz.* That if any Perſon has taken larger Fees than the Law directs for Recommendation, *&c.* the Law is open, and they may be proceeded againſt according as the ſaid Law directs.

The Governor, by his Secretary, preſented to the Houſe, in Writing, an Anſwer to the Addreſs of the ſecond Inſtant, which was read, and is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'YOUR Houſe may aſſuredly depend on the Continuance of that Care for the Preſervation of the Publick Peace of this Province, which, in the firſt Paragraph of your Addreſs of the ſecond Inſtant, you are pleaſed ſo heartily to acknowledge and approve of hitherto; and as I cannot think of any Thing that will more effectually contribute to that good and deſirable End, than an entire Confidence between the Governor and Houſe of Repreſentatives, I would hope and expect that the Houſe on their Parts will be very cautious in giving too ready an Ear to Complaints, which evidently tend to weaken the Governor's juſt Authority, by throwing indecent Reflections on his Character, and on the moſt juſtifiable Parts of his Conduct.

'The Houſe, I am ſure, are ſo well aſſiſted with the ableſt of our Magiſtrates, that they do not want to be informed from without Doors of the Nature of a Hue and Cry, which daily carries Perſons from Sheriff to Sheriff, out of one Government into another, for the ſmalleſt Breaches of the Peace; and indeed, without the Help of this Writ, every Colony, or ſeparate Government in *America*, would inevitably become an Aſyle to protect Malefactors, and other evil Perſons, from that Juſtice, which, by an *Engliſh* Conſtitution, they can only receive in that Place where the Offence was committed; ſince therefore what I have done in the Caſe before us, is, in Truth, no more than barely inforcing the Effects of a lawful Hue and Cry, which had been formally and well indorſed by a Magiſtrate of *Cheſter* County, it is, I verily believe, impoſſible ſo to miſrepreſent this Thing to the preſent Houſe of Repreſentatives, as to lead them into the Condemnation of a moſt equitable and juſtifiable Act, eſpecially when it circumſtantially relates to the due Execution of an Office in the neighbouring Government, which is immediately under my own Care and Inſpection, and for the faithful Management and Diſcharge whereof, I am truly accountable to the King's Majeſty.

'Upon a little more Conſideration, I doubt not but the Houſe will be aware, that the legal Proceſs, iſſued as above, againſt a very ſcandalous and notorious Offender, ſeems, on this Occaſion, by ſome artful Contrivance, to be deſignedly interwoven with the Diſpute between *Cheſter* and *New-Caſtle* Counties concerning their Boundaries, which being, as the Houſe very juſtly obſerves, a Matter truly of Weight and Importance to the Publick Peace of the whole Government, I hope they will reject ſuch Arts, and cordially join with me in conſidering this other Affair purely by itſelf, with as much Temper and neighbourly Good-will as is conſiſtent with material Juſtice to all the Parties concerned.

'With a moſt ſincere Intention therefore of uſing my beſt Endeavours to aſcertain, for the future, the Boundary betwixt *New-Caſtle* and *Cheſter*, according to your Requeſt, I muſt deſire that you will pleaſe to order the proper Perſons to lay before me and the Council, as ſoon as may be, the original Papers on which the Draught of the Circular Line, for bounding the County of *New-Caſtle*, is founded; as alſo the Names of ſuch Perſons alive as can be had to give Evidence concerning the ſame; and then I will take it upon me to aſſure the Houſe that no Time ſhall be loſt, nor any Thing omitted, that is in my Power, to bring that Matter to a happy Concluſion; for ſuch is my natural Diſpoſition towards the Good-people of this Province, that I cannot refuſe their Repreſentatives any Thing which they pleaſe to aſk of me, ſo that it be conſiſtent with ſuch Rules of Honour and Juſtice as I have ever followed, and do ſtill preſcribe to myſelf in all publick Tranſactions.'

May 5, 1724. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, wait on the Governor, to know what Time he will pleaſe to be attended on with thoſe Papers relating to the Circular Line; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

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The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor laſt Night report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that he anſwered, he could not fix the Time when, being he expected *John French* up from *New-Caſtle*; and likewiſe deſires the Papers may be delivered to his Secretary, he giving his Receipt for them: Upon which the Houſe entered on a Debate; and, after ſome Time ſpent, 3d Mo. 6.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *Joſeph Pennock*, and *Benjamin Vining*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe were in Expectation that no Time ſhould be loſt till the Matter now in Debate ſhould be accommodated; and ſince the Houſe expects to end the Seſſion this Week, they are willing to order the Surveyor-General to lay before the Governor the Original Surveys of the Circular Line, or authentick Copies thereof, with the Proprietary's Warrant, and Return of the Surveyor that laid out the ſaid Line, and give Notice to the Perſons now living, that can evidence the ſame; and the Houſe will, if deſired, lay before the Governor the Proofs of the Complainants againſt the exorbitant Uſage of the Magiſtrates and People of *New-Caſtle*; and this Houſe is unanimouſly of Opinion, that the Circular Line was regularly run, and can condeſcend to nothing that may ſeem to call the ſame in Queſtion; and alſo deſire to know his Pleaſure about the Bills before him: Who return, and report, that they had done their Meſſage, according to Order; and that, in Anſwer thereto, he ſays, in Juſtice to the People on that Side, as well as on this Side the Line, he thinks it his Duty to enquire more narrowly into that Affair; and if it appears that the Line was regulary run, it ſhould be obſerved for the Boundaries for the future; and that the Governor deſires a Conference with a Committee of the Houſe; and that he deſigns to meet his Council this Afternoon, in order to diſpatch the Bills before him.

The Petition of *Samuel Carpenter*, ſetting forth the Credit our Flour Manufacture has gained ſince his being appointed Searcher; but that the good Intent of that Act is very much evaded by a Deficiency therein, prays that an Addition may be made to the ſame, obliging all Flour to be branded before Exportation, and that an Addition may be made to his Salary; was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned three Bills, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Truſtees to ſell the old Court-houſe*, &c. without any Amendments.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Neſhaminey, *&c.* with one Amendment, which the Houſe agrees to.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for demoliſhing and removing Fiſhing-dams*, &c. with an Objection againſt the ſame in the following Words, *viz.*

" The Governor and Council are unanimouſly of Opinion, that this Bill doth inveſt the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties with a new Kind of Authority, which, on many Occaſions, may be attended with Inconveniencies, as well as too great a Trouble to, and Incumbrance upon, that conſiderable Officer: Moreover, the Board is of Opinion, that this Bill ought not to be paſſed in the Terms wherein it is conceived, until ſome Diſputes about the Boundaries between the Counties of *Philadelphia* and *Cheſter*, upon the River *Schuylkill*, now depending before the Governor and this Board, are fully diſcuſſed and ſettled; but if any preſent Occaſion appears to make Addition to the Laws already in Force for removing ſuch Nuſances, the Board is of Opinion, that a ſhort Bill, directing, that ſuch Nuſances being found by Bill before any of the Grand Juries of the reſpective Counties, to be proceeded againſt and removed, as the Law provides in the Caſe of publick Nuſances, will be ſufficient."

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Bucks* County, againſt the Removal of the Priſon and Court-houſe from *Briſtol*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered to lie on the Table. "

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to improve the Breed of Horſes, and regulate Rangers*, was read the third Time, and amended.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, as now amended, paſs into a Law? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor for his Concurrence thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 3d Mo. 7.

The Governor, by his Secretary, preſented to the Houſe a Written Meſſage, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

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Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'HEREWITH I ſend you the Peruſal of an original Inſtruction, which I lately received from the Crown, in relation to the Paſſing of private Acts of Aſſembly in this Province; by which, I conceive, is meant Acts relating to Privileges or Advantages granted to particular Perſons, and not to the Publick in general; and I judge it will be proper for you to cauſe a Copy of it to be entered upon your Journals, for your better Direction in Caſes of that Nature.

'I alſo return to you the Bill for enabling certain Perſons to trade in this Province, *&c.* without communicating it to the Council, becauſe I take it to be within the Limitation of this Inſtruction; and when you intend to preſent any Bill of the like Nature for the future, I muſt deſire that you will pleaſe to follow, as much as may be, Precedents of the ſame Kind in *England*, where the Parties are particularly directed, in the Body of the Act, to qualify themſelves before ſome Court of Record, and upon their Qualifications, being entered within a certain Time only, they are entitled to the Privileges intended to be granted by ſuch Act.

'I take this Opportunity to acquaint you, that I have received ſome Letters from *England*, of the Second of *March* laſt, which inform me, that all Things relating to the preſent Adminiſtration of this Government are well approved of.'

WILLIAM KEITH.

By the LORDS JUSTICES,

WILLIAM, *Cant.* MACCLESFIELD, Ch. CARLETON, P.
GRAFTON, ROXBURGH, CADOGAN.

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Additional INSTRUCTION *for Sir* WILLIAM KEITH, *Baronet, Deputy Governor of his Majeſty's Province of* Pennſylvania, *in* America, *or to the Commander in Chief of his Majeſty's ſaid Province for the Time being. Given at* Whitehall *the 23d Day of* July, 1723, *in the Ninth Year of his Majeſty's Reign.*

Additional Inſtruction from the Lords Juſtices to the Governor.

WE do hereby, in his Majeſty's Name, direct and require, that you do not give your Aſſent to any private Act until Proof be made before you in Council (and entered in the Council Books) that publick Notification was made of the Parties Intention to apply for ſuch Act, in the ſeveral Pariſh Churches where the Premiſes in Queſtion lie, for three *Sundays* at leaſt ſucceſſively, before any ſuch Act ſhall be brought into the Aſſembly. And further, you are to take Care, that for the future you do not paſs any private Act without a Clauſe inſerted therein, ſuſpending the Execution of ſuch Act until his Majeſty's Royal Approbation ſhall be had thereof.

The Governor's Secretary likewiſe delivered, by Word of Mouth, that the Governor deſigns to meet his Council betwixt Three and Four of the Clock this Afternoon, at *William Fiſhbourn*'s, where he deſires the Houſe will lay before him thoſe Papers relating to the Circular Line.

Ordered, That *Benjamin Jones*, and *Thomas Chandler*, carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Breed of Horſes, and regulate Rangers*, to the Governor for his Concurrence; likewiſe the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing and eſtabliſhing a Ferry over* Neſhaminey, *&c.* as now amended, for his Aſſent thereto: Who return, and brought back the laſt mentioned Bill, and report, that the Governor allows the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Bucks* County, for the Removal of the Court-houſe, *&c.* was read the third Time.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Bucks* County aforeſaid, againſt the Removal of the Court-houſe, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time; and then the Houſe entered on a Debate about the ſame.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Debate be referred till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Two a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Committee of Accounts brought in the ſame, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

WE the Committee appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, report, that we have ſettled with *Owen Roberts*, Collector of the Impoſts, and Duties of *European* Goods and *Negroes*, &c. and the Sums carried to the Credit of the Province are, *viz.*

Impoſt

Impoſt on Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, *European* Goods and *Negroes*, &c. from the 8th of the *Third Month*, 1723, to the 1ſt Day of the *Twelfth Month*, 1723-24,	£	659	7	6½	1724. 3d Mo. 7.
Ballance of the Accounts ſettled with the Committee laſt,		896	9	6½	
	£	1555	17	1	
Of which he hath paid to the Treaſurer,		305	7	3	
Balance due,	£	1250	9	10	

We have alſo ſettled the Treaſurer *Samuel Preſton*'s Accounts, and find the total Debts of the Province, for all Orders iſſued ſince the laſt Settlement, made the 20th Day of the *Ninth Month*, 1723, is *One Thouſand One Hundred* and *Two Pounds*, which, with Bills of Credit for *One Thouſand* and *Three Hundred Pounds*, paid him by the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, and the Treaſurer's Account of *Indian* Treaties, *Forty-four Pounds, Seventeen Shillings*, and *One Penny Halfpenny*, alſo his Charge for Intereſt and Exchange, for Caſh received to ſupply the *Albany* Journey, *Nine Pounds, One Shilling*, and *Ten-pence*, which makes the Amount of the Debt of the Province, *Two Thouſand Four Hundred* and *Fifty-five Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, and *Eleven-pence Halfpenny*; which, with his Commiſſions, at Five *per Cent.* is *One Hundred* and *Twenty-two Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*; and the Balance due for former Orders and Accounts, is *Two Thouſand Seven Hundred* and *Ninety-nine Pounds, Five Shillings*, and *One Penny*; which makes the whole Debt of the Treaſurer's Account, *Five Thouſand Three Hundred* and *Seventy-eight Pounds*. Towards Payment of which Sum, he hath received from the Loan-Office, *One Thouſand* and *Three Hundred Pounds*; from the Collector of Impoſts, *Three Hundred* and *Five Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Three-pence*; and from the Collector of Exciſe, *Seventy-one Pounds, Five Shillings*; which Sums received, make *One Thouſand Six Hundred* and *Seventy-ſix Pounds, Twelve Shillings*, and *Three-pence*; then remains a Balance due from the Province, in full of all Orders and Accounts, to the 7th of the *Third Month*, 1724, *Three Thouſand Seven Hundred* and *One Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Nine-pence Half-penny*, viz. To the Loan-Office, *One Thouſand* and *Three Hundred Pounds*; and to the Treaſurer, *Two Thouſand Four Hundred* and *One Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Nine-pence Halfpenny*; to diſcharge Part of which, there remains a Balance of *One Thouſand Two Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds, Nine Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, in the Collector of Impoſt's Hands, for Duties of Rum, Wine, Melaſſes, *European* Goods and *Negroes*, &c. and the Entries of *Negroes* from the 1ſt Day of the *Twelfth Month*, 1723-24.

We have alſo examined and ſettled the Accounts of the Collector of Exciſe, the whole Amount of which, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, from the 2d Day of *Second Month*, 1723, to the 7th of *Third Month*, 1724; and for the County of *Bucks*, from the ſame Time, to the 6th of *Ninth Month* laſt, is *Two Hundred* and *Fifty-one Pounds, Six Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*; and from the 14th of *Twelfth Month*, 1722, for the County of *Cheſter*, to the 14th of *Twelfth Month*, 1723, *Forty-ſeven Pounds, Seventeen Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*; the total Amount is *Two Hundred Ninety-nine Pounds, Four Shillings*, and *Six-pence*; out of which his Commiſſions amounts to *Twenty-nine Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, and *Five-pence Halfpenny*; and Balance of laſt Year's Account, due to him, is *Fifty-five Pounds, Two Shillings*, and *Ten-pence*, with *Seventy-one Pounds, Five Shillings*, paid the Treaſurer; remains a Balance in the Collector's Hand, *One Hundred Forty-two Pounds, Eighteen Shillings*, and *Two-pence Three Farthings*. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by

WILLIAM WEBB, ANTHONY MORRIS,
SAMUEL HUDSON, BENJAMIN VINING.
WILLIAM BILES,

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, that the Governor and Council are met, and ready to receive what the Committee of the Houſe have to lay before them; upon which,

Reſolved, That the Speaker, *John Swift*, *Francis Rawle*, *Benjamin Vining*, *William Webb*, *Samuel Nutt*, and *Joſhua Pennock*, be a Committee to lay before that Board what is needful; and then the Houſe adjourned for Half an Hour. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c.

And the ſaid Committee attended on the Governor and Council; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that they produced the Vouchers, that proved the Circular Line was run according to the Warrant and Draught; which, by the Requeſt of that Board, were left for their Peruſal, and to be returned by the Treaſurer, who has given his Receipt for the ſame.

And

1724. 3d Mo. 7. And that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, in relation to the Differences about the Adminiſtration on *M'Gill*'s Eſtate, that as Metropolitan in reſpect to the Office of Adminiſtration, he would iſſue an Order to both the Adminiſtrators to bring all the Effects of ſaid *M'Gill* to *Philadelphia*, and put them into the Hands of the Recorder of ſaid City, in order to pay all lawful Demands on ſaid Eſtate, and that he would ſtop all Proceſs.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Anthony Morris*, wait on the Governor with the Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* John Cratho, *and others, to trade and buy Lands*, &c. and know his further Pleaſure therein; and alſo carry the Receipt to the Treaſurer, and bring back the Papers; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 8. The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed laſt Night to carry the Naturalization Bill back to the Governor, brought the ſame again to the Houſe, and report, that the Governor will paſs the ſaid Bill, with the Qualification inſerted in the Body of the Bill, and a Clauſe not to take Effect till the King's Pleaſure be known therein.

The Petition of *Thomas Clifford*, late Collector of *Bucks* County, ſetting forth his great Loſs by Fire, which has rendered him unable to pay the Monies then due to the Province, &c. praying this Houſe to conſider his Misfortunes, &c. was brought into this Houſe, and read and conſidered.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be referred to *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *William Biles*, who are ordered to examine the Petitioner what Sums of Money are owing to him; and further, how much he may be likely to collect of the Arrears, and make Report to this Houſe at their next Meeting.

The Governor's Secretary brought back the Bill for encouraging the Breed of Horſes, and regulating Rangers, with ſome Propoſals of Amendments; to which the Houſe condeſcends.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of *Bucks* County Petitions for and againſt the Removal of the Court-houſe; and, after ſome Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Petitioners, for the Erecting a new Court-houſe, &c. at *Newtown*, have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Caſe of the People called *Quakers*, in reſpect to the Forms of Declaration, &c. with a Petition at the Bottom, ſetting forth, that the ſaid Caſe had been laid before the Governor, and that they are informed that the Bill, prepared for that Purpoſe, lodges at the Governor's; requeſting this Houſe to uſe their Endeavours, in Behalf of the ſaid Bill, by ſome written Meſſage to the Governor, in order that the ſame may be brought forwards, &c. was brought in and read:

Upon which it is ordered, that the Speaker draw up a ſhort Addreſs about the ſame, againſt the Afternoon, to lay before the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Speaker, according to Order, preſented to the Houſe an Addreſs to the Governor, which was read, and agreed to; which being tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, is as followeth, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met.

Humbly ſheweth,

THAT this Houſe, at their laſt Sitting, laid before the Governor a Bill for bringing over the Forms of Affirmation, &c. *preſcribed by the Statute of the Eighth of this Reign to the People called* Quakers, *which we deſire may paſs into a Law, hoping it will be a Means to make the ſaid People univerſally eaſy, and render them more ſerviceable in this Government.*

There was a large Repreſentation laid before this Houſe, as a State of the ſaid Peoples Caſe reſpecting the Forms of Affirmations contained in our Bill; and we underſtand the like has been preſented to that Board, which, we hope, may induce the Governor to paſs the Bill as deſired, and we ſhall take it as an additional Inſtance of the Governor's Good-will to the Welfare of the People committed to his Care.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, by

May 8, 1724. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Samuel Levis*, wait on the Governor with the ſame; alſo, that they carry the Bill to improve the Breed of Horſes, &c. likewiſe the Bill to enable *John Cratho*, and others, to trade and buy and hold Lands, &c. as now amended, and deſire his

his Concurrence to the ſaid two Bills: Who return, and report, that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he did allow the ſaid two Bills, and will return an Anſwer to the Addreſs To-morrow Morning. 1724. 3d Mo. 8.

Ordered, That the Bills be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 3d Mo. 9.

The Governor's Secretary brought an Anſwer to the Addreſs of Yeſterday, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'IN Anſwer to your Addreſs of Yeſterday, I have ordered the Council to meet this Morning, and I will uſe my beſt Endeavours to confirm the People of this Province in the juſt Senſe which you are pleaſed to ſay they have of my Good-will towards their Welfare and Proſperity, by agreeing to the Bill you mention without any Alteration, other than the Addition of the propoſed Clauſe for its waiting the King's Royal Aſſent, according to your Deſire. Governor's Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

'The Uneaſineſs which had like to have been raiſed lately amongſt us gave me much Concern; and ſince I find the Original of it is wholly owing to the Regiſter-General's pretending to ſubſtitute an Authority in this Province directly oppoſite to mine, I have taken a Reſolution to remove him from that Office, and to commiſſionate another, a diſcreet Perſon, in his Room, according to the Direction of an Act of Aſſembly paſſed in the Year 1712; for as it is juſt and requiſite to commend and encourage Perſons of all Ranks amongſt us, who, in a Spirit of Meekneſs, diſpoſe themſelves towards the Promotion of Peace and Unanimity; ſo it is neceſſary and wholeſome, in every well ordered Government, to reſent the abominable Artifices and Contrivances of ſuch as dare preſume to foment any Diviſion, but more eſpecially in the Legiſlative Body, that others for the future may be deterred from the like Practices.'

WILLIAM KEITH.

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Clauſe is in the Bill now before him, and know his further Pleaſure.

Then the Houſe entered on the Conſideration of publick Payments.

An Account, intituled, *The Province of* Pennſylvania *Debtor to* Richard Hill, *Eſq*; *one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, amounting to* Seventy-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings, *and* Four-pence, was read, and conſidered.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that an Order be iſſued on the Treaſurer for Payment of the ſame? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That an Order be iſſued for the Payment of *One Hundred Pounds* to *David Lloyd*, Eſq; for his Salary this current Year as Judge of the Supreme Court? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That *Edward Rinniſton*'s Account of *One Pound*, and *Four-pence*, for *Indian* Expences, be allowed, and an Order iſſued for the ſame on the Treaſurer? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That *Patrick Baird*'s Account of *Twenty-three Pounds, Fifteen Shillings*, for his Salary as Clerk of the Council, from the 1ſt of *November*, 1722, to the 1ſt of *May*, 1724, *&c.* be allowed, and an Order iſſued for the ſame on the Treaſurer? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That *Robert Aſheton* be allowed *Fifty Pounds*, his uſual Salary, and an Order iſſued on the Treaſurer for the ſame? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That *Andrew Hamilton* be allowed *Sixty-Pounds*, this Year's Salary, and an Order iſſued for the ſame? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

That *John Eyers* have an Order iſſued on the Treaſurer for his Year's Salary, *viz. Five Pounds?* Paſſed in the Affirmative.

That *Nicholas Roſogan* have an Order for his Wages as Door-keeper, at *Two Shillings* and *Six-pence per* Day, *viz. Five Pounds, Ten Shillings?* Paſſed in the Affirmative.

All which ſaid Orders being drawn, and ſigned by the Speaker, were delivered to the ſaid Perſons by the Clerk.

Two Members of Council brought the Affirmation Bill to the Houſe, and acquainted them, that the Governor aſſents thereto, and will be in Council at Three a Clock this Afternoon, in order to receive the Houſe, and paſs the Laws; alſo to join with a Committee of this Houſe to examine the ingroſſed Bills.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, be appointed for that Purpoſe; which was done accordingly, and the ſaid Bills afterwards delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office pay the Signers, and the Printer of the Bills of Credit, the ſeveral Sums due to them, out of the *Twenty-ſix Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds* that the Law appointed to be lett out upon Loan; and then the Houſe adjourned till Half an Hour paſt Two a Clock this Afternon. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, &c.

After ſome Debate, the Houſe drew up an Order for the Committee of Accounts, which was read, and ſigned by the Speaker, and is as followeth, *viz.*

3d Mo. 9. Poſt Meridiem.

WHEREAS by a Reſolve of Aſſembly, in 1720, *an Order was iſſued for* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds *out of the Treaſury, payable to* William Trent, Iſaac Norris, *and* Jonathan Dickinſon, *or any two of them, to anſwer Demands in* Great-Britain *for the Publick Services of this Province, purſuant to a Vote of Aſſembly in* 1718, *and that the ſaid Perſons ſhould lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from Time to Time; which not being hitherto obſerved, it is ordered, that* Francis Rawle, Anthony Morris, John Kearſley, *and* Samuel Hudſon, *or any three of them, be a Committee to receive the ſaid Account from ſaid* Norris; *as alſo to ſettle with him, and ſee that the Treaſurer receives Satisfaction for the Balance.*

And it is further ordered by this Houſe, that the ſaid Provincial Treaſurer ſhall, forthwith, uſe proper Meaſures to recover and receive the Balance of Owen Roberts's *Accounts, due to the Provincial Treaſury.*

It having been ſundry times motioned in the Houſe about torn and defaced Bills, the Houſe fell into a Debate thereon;

Ordered, That the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office do exchange out of thoſe Bills, paid into the ſaid Office, at ſuch Times as their Truſt obliges them to attend, ſuch torn and defaced Bills of Credit as ſhall be brought to them, in Sums not leſs than *Ten Shillings* to any one Perſon, and to give publick Advertiſements for that Purpoſe.

Then the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, waited on the Governor with the Bills, in order to have them paſſed into Laws; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reports, that the Governor was pleaſed to give his Aſſent to, and paſs into Laws, the Bills, whoſe Titles are as follows, *viz.*

An Act for continuing and eſtabliſhing a Ferry over Neſhaminey *Creek, on the King's High-road from* Philadelphia *to* Briſtol, *in the County of* Bucks.

An Act to enable Truſtees to ſell the old Court-houſe and Priſon belonging to the Borough and County of Cheſter.

An Act to enable John Cratho, Caſpar Wiſtar, *and* Nicholas Geatau, *to trade, and to buy and hold Lands in this Province.*

An Act to improve the Breed of Horſes, and regulate Rangers.

An Act preſcribing the Forms of Declaration of Fidelity, Abjuration and Affirmation, inſtead of the Forms heretofore required in ſuch Caſes.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Kearſley*, go to the Rolls Office, and ſee the Great Seal affixed to the ſaid Laws: Who return, and report, the Seals were fixed to them in their Preſence.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Job Goodſon*, *William Biles*, and *John Croſby*, be a Committee to inſpect the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and to ſink and deſtroy the proportionable Part of the Bills of Credit, as the Law directs, they having firſt compared the ſaid Bills of Credit with the Counter Parts, and entered into a Book, to be kept for that Purpoſe, the Number and Value of each Bill of Credit ſo ſunk and deſtroyed; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Tenth of *Auguſt* next.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 10. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *William Biles*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are met, according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to communicate to them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 11. The Houſe met, &c.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Seſſions be read, which was accordingly done.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing at preſent, but if the Aſſembly ſhould make any Stay, he would prepare what he had received from *England* to lay before the Houſe.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, ſetting forth their entire Satisfaction in the Proceedings of the laſt Seſſions about the Adminiſtration of *Thomas Hill*, &c. but that the Articles agreed upon were not complied with, and that the ſaid *Thomas Hill* was indicted for Felony at *New-Caſtle* Court about the ſaid Matter; requeſting if the ſaid *Thomas Hill* has acted contrary to Law, he may be tried in the Place where the ſaid Fact was committed, and that his ſaid Adminiſtration may continue, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading this Afternoon.

The Petition of *James Mole*, *John Henderſon*, and *John Creighton*, returning Thanks to this Houſe for their Charity and Care uſed towards them laſt Seſſions; but notwithſtanding they

they are ſtill under the ſame or worſe Apprehenſions of Danger from *New-Caſtle*, praying Redreſs, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading this Afternoon. 1724. *6th Mo.* 11.

The Members appointed the eighth of *May* laſt to examine *Thomas Clifford*, late Collector of *Bucks* County, concerning his Circumſtances, report, that they had done according to Order, and that he is never likely to collect or pay any of the ſaid Arrears.

The Committee appointed the ninth of the ſame to ſettle with *Iſaac Norris*, report, that he made it appear that he had paid *Fifty Pounds* to *Henry Goldney*, by Bill of Exchange, and the ſaid *Goldney*'s Letter, and ſays, he had wrote to his Correſpondent to inform him of the Particulars for which the ſaid Sum was laid out; and as to the remaining *One Hundred Pounds*, he was ready to deliver back the Order to the Treaſurer. And the ſaid Committee report, that they ſpoke to *Samuel Preſton*, and that he had not received the Balance from the Collector of Impoſt, *&c.* according to the ſaid Order.

The Committee appointed the ſaid ninth of *May* to inſpect the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, *&c.* report, that they had not the Opportunity of meeting all together, ſo that there is nothing done in that Affair: Therefore 'tis ordered that *Francis Rawle*, *Anthony Morris*, *John Kearſley*, *Job Goodſon*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, be a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Sums of Money, in Bills of Credit, lett out by the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office, according to the Act of Aſſembly for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*; as alſo the Sums and Bills of Credit received by the ſaid Truſtees from the Borrowers, according to the Direction of the ſaid Act, and ſee that ſuch Bills, as the ſaid Truſtees received in Part of the Sums by them lent, be ſunk and deſtroyed; this Committee, or any three of them, having firſt compared the ſaid Bills of Credit with the Counter Parts, and entered into a Book, to be kept for that Purpoſe, the Number and Value of each Bill of Credit ſo ſunk and deſtroyed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable Perſons to build a new Court-Houſe and Priſon in the County of* Bucks, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The two Petitions relating to the *Cheſter* and *New-Caſtle* Counties Affair, were read the ſecond Time, according to the Order of this Morning, and debated.

Ordered, That *William Biles*, and *Samuel Nutt*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that this Houſe has received freſh Complaints concerning the *Cheſter* and *New-Caſtle* Counties Affair, in two Petitions, ſigned by above one Hundred of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, wherein they ſet forth that the Proceedings are not ſtopped, as they were put in Expectation of, but inſtead thereof Indictments for Felony found againſt *Hill*, and others, at *New-Caſtle* Court; therefore this Houſe deſires the Governor would be pleaſed to grant his Orders to ſtay further Proceſs upon the ſaid Indictments: Who return, and report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer in writing by Ten a Clock To-morrow Morning, which he hopes will be ſatisfactory to this Houſe; and that they moved the Governor to inform the Houſe whether he had received any News from Home; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 12.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor, by his Secretary, preſented to the Houſe, in Writing, an Anſwer to Yeſterday's Meſſage, which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'AFTER the Enquiries which I have lately made, there is no Scruple remains with me about the Circular Line which you inſiſt upon for the Limits of *Cheſter* County; wherefore, in all future Orders from me, it ſhall be obſerved as your Boundary; and I will likewiſe give proper Directions, as ſoon as I go down to *New-Caſtle*, to ſtop the Proceſs complained of there, according to your Deſire. Governor's Meſſage.

'Herewith I ſend, for your Peruſal, a Letter from your Agent Mr. *Beake*, the Contents whereof have been confirmed to me by Letters of a later Date, which give me all the Encouragement imaginable to expect the King's Royal Approbation of our late Acts for iſſuing a Paper Currency; and I do not learn that the Court is diſſatisfied with any of the Proceedings of the Legiſlature of this Province.

'I have, indeed, ſufficient Grounds, in general, to believe, that my particular Conduct in paſſing ſome Bills that were preſented to me from your Houſe, has been groſly miſrepreſented to the Proprietary's Family, which, if not ſpeedily rectified, may probably terminate in a Change of your preſent Governor; but, while I am conſcious to myſelf of having exactly performed my Duty to that worthy Family, and am not even charged, as yet, with any particular Failure therein, you may be fully aſſured, I will proceed to ſupport and maintain that grateful Harmony and Good-will that has from the Beginning ſubſiſted between me and the Repreſentatives of the People; and whenſoever it ſhall pleaſe my Superiors

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'periors to make a Change in the Adminiſtration of this Government, I ſhall, even then, 'enjoy the Satisfaction to reflect, that I have acted in all Things therein as became a loyal 'Subject to the King, a faithful Servant to the Proprietary, and an honeſt Freeman of '*Pennſylvania*.'

Auguſt 12, 1724. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Likewiſe the Peruſal of a Letter from *Thomas Beake*, who was appointed to negotiate our Laws at Home, a Copy of which remains in the Cheſt.

Ordered, That *Joſeph Pennock* go to *Robert Aſheton*'s, and know whether the general Adminiſtration was iſſued, and the Effects of *M'Gill* put into his Hands, as this Houſe was put in Expectation of: Who return'd, and reported, that he ſays there is nothing done in that Affair to his Knowledge; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *William Biles*, and *Samuel Nutt*, wait on the Governor with the Thanks of this Houſe for his written Meſſage, and return ſaid *Beake*'s Letter; and alſo deſire to know whether any Progreſs be made about removing the Effects of ſaid *M'Gill* out of the Hands of both the Adminiſtrators, and putting them into the Hands of the Recorder of this City, as the Governor gave this Houſe Expectation of: Who return, and report, they had done their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he has had Thoughts about that Matter, but has not yet done it, but will effect it with all Expedition; and as to the *Noli Proſequi's*, he will forthwith iſſue them out, according to the Deſire of this Houſe.

The Petition of *Owen Roberts*, ſhewing, that thro' his too great Lenity, he gave ſuch Credit in his Office as Collector, that he falls ſhort in making up his Accounts with the Treaſurer, and now having commenced Suits againſt divers of his Debtors, and Judgment cannot immediately be obtained; therefore deſires the Favour of this Houſe to reſpite the Proſecution of him and his Securities, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, and read, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

)) The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, William Biles, Joſeph Kirkbride, *jun.* Thomas Watſon, *and* Abraham Chapman, *to build a new Court-houſe and Priſon in the County of* Bucks, was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 13.

Ordered, That the further Debate be referred till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Then the Houſe reſumed the Debate on the ſaid Bill for erecting a new Court-houſe, *&c.* and being read, Paragraph by Paragraph, and amended, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſame be committed? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

And the ſaid Bill was committed to *William Webb*, *John Croſby*, and *Samuel Levis*.

The Petition of *Owen Roberts*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe a Meſſage in Writing, which being read, is as followeth; and likewiſe a Writ of *Noli Proſequi*, according to the Deſire of the Houſe.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage. 'I COULD not ſlip this Opportunity to acquaint you, that the late Attorney-General 'having reſigned his Office on account of the Reduction of the Fees, and too ſmall 'Encouragement hitherto given for the Support of that Officer, I ſhall, without your Aſſi'ſtance, be entirely at a Loſs how to perſwade any Gentleman of Worth and Merit to un'dertake that Service.

'Complaints are daily made to me from Perſons in Goal, that they are continued there 'from Court to Court without Proſecution or Trial, which is certaintly a very great Griev'ance to the Subject: I do therefore earneſtly deſire, that you will, forthwith, conſider of 'this Matter, and come to ſome Reſolution which may enable me to fill up the Vacancy 'with a Perſon ſufficiently qualified to ſerve the King and the Country in that Station.'

Auguſt 13, 1724. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Upon reading a Clauſe in the Act for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit, wherein the Sum of *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*, in ſaid Bills, was lent to this Province, and *One Thouſand Pounds* to the County of *Philadelphia*, *Two Hundred Pounds* to the County of *Bucks*, and *Three Hundred Pounds* to the County of *Cheſter*:

Ordered, That the aforeſaid Committee, appointed to audit the Accounts of the General Loan Office, be a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Money received by the Provincial and County Treaſurers, by Virtue of the ſaid Act, and ſee that ſuch proportionable Parts of the ſaid Sums ſo lent them, be brought in and paid as the ſaid Act directs, and ſhall ſink

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and deſtroy the ſaid Bills, in the Manner directed for ſinking the Bills of Credit, received by the Truſtees into the Loan-Office of this Province; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1724. *6th Mo.* 13. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, *&c. to erect a new Court-houſe*, &c. being read the third Time, and amended;

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *It paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed; and that *John Swift*, and *Morris Morris*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bill, and deſire his Concurrence thereto: Who return, and report, they delivered the Bill, according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would give it all the Diſpatch lay in his Power.

This Houſe taking into Conſideration the Governor's written Meſſage of this Morning, are of Opinion (that when the Governor has made Choice of ſuch a Perſon as he mentions) the next Aſſembly will take Care to give ſuitable Encouragement; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 14.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *William Biles* wait on the Governor, and deſire to know whether he has conſidered the Bill preſented to him Yeſterday, and if there be any Objections againſt it, that the Houſe may have them.

Then the Governor, by his Secretary, returned the Bill, with a written Meſſage, in the following Words, *viz.*

'THE Governor is of Opinion, that the preſent Court-houſe and Priſon is a ſufficient 'good Building, and that it would be a Burthen on that County, and a very needleſs 'Expence, to go about any other Building of that Kind at this Time.' Governor's Meſſage.

Andrew Bradford being ſent for about printing the Laws paſſed laſt Seſſions, was agreed with to print three Acts, at *Twenty-eight Shillings per* Sheet, and deliver Copies as cuſtomary.

The three following Accounts were exhibited by the Speaker, *viz.*

An Account, intituled, *The Province of* Pennſylvania *Debtor to* David Lloyd, *Eſq*; *as Judge of the Supreme Court*, &c.

An Account, intituled, *The Province*, &c. *Debtor to* William Trent, *Eſq*; *one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.*

An Account, intituled, *The Province*, &c. *Debtor to* Jaſper Yeats, *Eſq*; *one of the Judges of the Supreme Court.*

Ordered, That *William Webb*, and *Samuel Levis*, go with the ſaid Accounts to the Records, and compare them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to compare the Accounts delivered in this Morning with the Records, report, that the ſaid Accounts are made to agree with the Dockets of the Supreme Court, ſaving one Article, which they cannot find the Vouchers for; therefore the further Conſideration thereof is at preſent waved.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Loan-Office, brought in their Report, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

WE the Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Loan-Office, and ſink the Bills of Credit, as the Law for emitting and making current *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* doth direct, do report, That we have examined the Books and Accounts of the Loan-Office, and the ſeveral Sums lent out are as follow, *viz.* To the Provincial Treaſurer, *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds*; to the Treaſurer of the County of *Philadelphia*, *One Thouſand Pounds*; to the Treaſurer of the County of *Bucks*, *Two Hundred Pounds*; to the Treaſurer of the County of *Cheſter*, *Three Hundred Pounds*; to Money lent upon Mortages, *Ten Thouſand Nine Hundred* and *Twenty-three Pounds*; paid the Signers of the Bills of Credit, *Seventy-ſeven Pounds*: The total Amount of all which Sums paid out is *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds.* Report of the Committee of Accounts.

We have alſo examined the ſeveral Quota's or annual Payments due to the Loan-Office from the reſpective Mortgagers, and find they have paid in the eighth Part of *Ten Thouſand Two Hundred* and *Forty-three Pounds*, which is *Twelve Hundred Eighty Pounds*, *Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence*; which ſaid Sum we have ſunk and deſtroyed, according to the Direction of the ſaid Act.

We have alſo examined the Account of Intereſt, and find there is *Five Hundred Twelve Pounds*, *Three Shillings*, in the Hands of the Truſtees; there is alſo a further Sum of *Eighty-five Pounds*, being the one eighth Part of *Six Hundred* and *Eight Pounds*, not yet brought in, and *Thirty-four Pounds* Intereſt; which ſaid Sum, together with the above Sum of *Five*

1724. 6th Mo. 14. *Hundred Twelve Pounds, Three Shillings,* makes the total Intereſt, due to this Province for the firſt Year's Loan, *Five Hundred Forty-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings*; then, after the Deduction of the Truſtees Salaries for twelve Months, due the firſt of *March*, 1723, *viz. Two Hundred Thirteen Pounds, Six Shillings, and Eight-pence*, there remains a Balance of *Two Hundred Ninety-Eight Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and *Four-Pence*, to be diſpoſed of according to the Direction of the Aſſembly.

Auguſt 14, 1724. FRANCIS RAWLE, JOB GOODSON, JOHN KEARSLEY, SAMUEL HUDSON.

And the ſaid Committee report, that the Treaſurers of the Province, and the reſpective Counties, have not yet paid in their Quota's; therefore the Sinking that Part is referred to the next Aſſembly.

Then the Clerk delivered to the Speaker an Account of the Members who have attended the Service of the Houſe this preſent Year.

Ordered, That *Samuel Levis*, and *John Croſby*, with the Aſſiſtance of the Clerk, examine the ſame by the Journal, and that the Clerk prepare Tickets therefor, and bring the ſame to the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The following Accounts were laid before the Houſe, *viz.*

David Lloyd's Account for drawing Bills,	—	—	£	10	0 0
Bently Cooke, for Houſe-rent and Wood,	—	—		12	0 0
Widow *Roſe*, for the Service of her late Huſband	—			3	0 0
Nicholas Roſogan, for his Service as Door-keeper, *&c.*	—			2	11 6
William Paulet, for his Service as Door-keeper to the Council,	—			4	19 4
Andrew Bradford, for printing the Laws, *&c.*	—	—		29	6 0
Samuel Carpenter, his Salary as Searcher of Flour,	—			30	0 0
Thomas Leech, his immediate Service of the Houſe, *&c.*	—			18	7 0
			£	110	3 10

All which Accounts being examined by the Committee laſt appointed, were allowed by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Orders on the General Loan-Office for the Payment of the ſaid Sums, and that the Clerk ſign an Order for the Speaker; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker ſign Tickets to the Members for their Service this Year, and that the Clerk do ſign the Speaker's Ticket, which was done accordingly.

Then the Houſe drew up an Order for the Treaſurer, which, being ſigned by the Speaker, is as followeth, *viz.*

WHEREAS by a Reſolve of Aſſembly, in 1720, *an Order was iſſued for* One Hundred *and* Fifty Pounds *out of the Treaſury, payable to* William Trent, Iſaac Norris, *and* Jonathan Dickinſon, *or any two of them, to anſwer Demands in* Great-Britain *for the Publick Services of this Province, purſuant to a Vote of Aſſembly in* 1718; *and that the ſaid Perſons ſhould lay the Account of their Proceedings before the Aſſembly from Time to Time; which not being hitherto obſerved, it is ordered, that the Treaſurer, forthwith, receive the ſaid Account from* Iſaac Norris; *as alſo ſettle with him, and receive the ſaid Order remaining in his Hands.*

And it is further ordered, that the ſaid Treaſurer ſettle the Account of One Hundred Pounds, *paid to the ſaid* Iſaac Norris, *for purchaſing Preſents to the* Five Nations *in the Year* 1722.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, by

Auguſt 15, 1724. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

And then the Houſe fell into a Debate about the Treaſurer (*Samuel Preſton*'s) Account; and

Reſolved, That there be an Objection entered on the Back of the ſaid Account againſt the Commiſſions charged for the *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds* lent to the Province by the Act for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*; and alſo the Commiſſions for *Thirteen Hundred Pounds* lent to ſaid Province by the Act for emitting *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* (for this Reaſon) *viz.* He has in ſaid Account charged the Province for the Commiſſions for ſinking the ſaid Bills, which will not be done till the Expiration of both ſaid Acts.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

At

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1724.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the Year enſuing, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County*.
Anthony Morris,
Job Goodſon,
Morris Morris,
Francis Rawle,
John Swift,
Samuel Hudſon,
Edward Farmar,
Matthias Holſton.

Bucks *County*.
William Biles, Speaker,
Jeremiah Langhorne,
Joſeph Fell,
Chriſtopher Vanhorne,
Matthew Hughes,
Thomas Watſon,
Benjamin Jones,
Abraham Chapman.

Cheſter *County*.
Moſes Key,
Joſeph Pennock,
William Webb,
William Pile,
Thomas Chandler,
Eliſha Gatchell,
John Parry,
John Croſby.

City of Philadelphia.
John Kearſley, *Thomas Treſs*.

A QUORUM of the Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker; and *William Biles*, Eſq; was, by Majority of Votes, elected Speaker of this Aſſembly, who was accordingly placed in the Chair. 1724. 8th Mo. 14.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will be pleaſed to be attended by the Houſe, in order to preſent him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 15.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould be ready betwixt Ten and Eleven a Clock this Morning to receive this Houſe.

The Governor, by his Secretary, acquainted the Houſe, that he forthwith expects their Attendance at *David Evans*'s: And accordingly the Members went to wait upon the Governor to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor, who was pleaſed to approve the Choice; and that he had, in the Name of the Houſe, requeſted, that, on all Occaſions, they might have free Acceſs to the Governor's Perſon; that he would be pleaſed to put a favourable Conſtruction on their Words and Actions; and alſo, that this Houſe may be protected from Inſults and Abuſes; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould be always ready to do accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members ſubſcribed the Qualifications appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate Elections*; and alſo the Abjuration appointed by an Act of Parliament of the Firſt of King GEORGE; firſt the Speaker in his Chair, and after him the Members in their Courſe.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the fourth Day of *January* next; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 8th Mo. 16.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to wait on the Governor, report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing extraordinary to lay immediately before the Houſe; and therefore did agree to the propoſed Adjournment.

Upon reading a Minute of the laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly, the Houſe entered into a Debate about the Provincial Accounts, and ſinking the Bills of Credit.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Job Goodſon*, *John Kearſley*, and *Samuel Hudſon*, be a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and ſink the remaining Part of the firſt Quota, received in Part of the Sums by the Truſtees lent out, as appointed to be

1724. 8*th Mo.* 16. be ſunk by the Act for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*; and alſo to audit the Accounts of the Money received by the Provincial and County Treaſurers, by Virtue of the ſaid Act, and ſee that ſuch proportionable Parts of the ſaid Sums, ſo lent them, be brought and paid as the ſaid Act directs. This Committee, or any three of them, ſhall ſink and deſtroy the ſaid Bills in the Manner directed for ſinking the Bills of Credit received by Truſtees into the Loan-Office of this Province; and that the ſaid Truſtees give immediate Notice to the reſpective Treaſurers to bring in their ſaid Quota's; and that the ſaid Committee ſettle and adjuſt the Publick Accounts with the Provincial Treaſurer, and Collectors of Impoſt and Exciſe, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, and that they make Report to this Houſe at their next Meeting; and that the ſaid Committee enquire what Progreſs the Provincial Treaſurer hath made in putting in Execution the Minute of the Ninth of *May* laſt; and alſo, that the ſaid Committee provide a Place convenient for the Aſſembly to ſit in at their next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the fourth Day of *January* next.

Adjournment.

1724-25. 11*th Mo.* 4. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe is met, according to Adjournment, and deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock Tomorrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 5. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, report, that they had done their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he ſhould be ready to receive the Houſe about Ten a Clock this Morning, and then ſhould communicate what he thought at preſent neceſſary.

Ordered, That the Rules practiſed by former Aſſemblies be read; which was done accordingly.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Rules be obſerved by this Aſſembly.

The Governor ſent a Meſſage by his Secretary, deſiring the Attendance of the Houſe forthwith at the Court-houſe: Accordingly the Speaker, with the Members, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that they had waited on the Governor, who was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, of which he obtained a Copy, and being read, is as followeth.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'THE good Agreement which has ſo eaſily and chearfully ſubſiſted between the Go-
'vernor and the Peoples Repreſentatives in Aſſembly for ſo many Years, has, under
'the Influence of God's good Providence, been very inſtrumental towards the Obtaining of
'many good Laws, which have increaſed our Commerce, and rendered the Generality of
'the People perfectly eaſy to what they were ſome Time before.

'Nevertheleſs, ſuch is the Imperfection of human Affairs, that even the greateſt Bleſſings
'are not thought of, and acknowledged, in the ſame Manner by all Men; for the ſame Acts
'of Benevolence, which are amiable to Juſtice and good Nature, become hateful to the en-
'vious proud Man; and that generous Diſpoſition, which leads good Men to be contented
'with ſharing the common Benefits of Life freely and equally with their Fellow Creatures,
'is moſt deteſtful to thoſe who ſooth Ambition, and thirſt after Power, under the conceited
'Pretence of ſubduing Ignorance by their own ſuperior Knowledge.

'If the Peace, Intereſt and Proſperity, of a People, be (as I have always underſtood it) the
'true End of Government, where is any reaſonable Ground of Diſcontent to be found a-
'mong us?

'You that are the Peoples Repreſentatives, and Guardians of their Liberties, the beſt
'Counſellors to any Governor, and the proper Judges of all publick Grievances, ſay,
'whoſe Property have I at any Time wronged? Or whoſe Petition have I refuſed? What
'Part of the Publick Service have I neglected? And at what Time has our Sovereign Lord
'the King, the Proprietary, or the Country, ſuffered by any Action or Miſconduct of
'mine? Is it to be charged as a Crime for the Governor to concur with your Sentiments,
'and to paſs reaſonable Bills from your Houſe into Laws? To maintain the King's legal Pre-
'rogative, and to ſupport the Proprietary's juſt Rights, conſiſtent with thoſe Privileges
'which he has been pleaſed to grant you by Charter? Is it a Crime to commiſerate the
'Diſtreſs of the Poor, and to provide for their Relief? To encourage Induſtry? To promote
'Trade? Is it a Crime to do equal Juſtice unto all Men, and to appear boldly in Defence
'of the Conſtitution and Liberties of your Country?

'I ſay if theſe Things, Gentlemen, are to be charged upon your Governor as Acts of
'Mal-adminiſtration, it is high Time for you to look to yourſelves, and endeavour to ward
'off the Blow, by modeſtly aſſerting your lawful Privileges as *Engliſhmen*, and loyal Sub-
'jects to the beſt of Kings, as well as dutiful Tenants to the Proprietary's Family.

'The

'The whole Country feels at this Time the agreeable Effects of a moſt happy Unanimity and undiſturbed Concord between the Governor and Aſſembly for above ſeven Years laſt paſt; it has the lovely Proſpect, I thank God, of continuing firm like a Bulwark, that is not to be broke down; we have no chimerical Schemes and new Projects on Foot, wherewith to teaze and ſurprize one another; our Duty is plain and eaſy, with ready Wills and contented Minds; wherefore we have no juſt Reaſon to apprehend the Conſequence of any Event, but leave thoſe, whoſe Conſciences are leſs free, to be afraid.' 1724-25. 11th Mo. 5.

WILLIAM KEITH.

Ordered, That the ſame be read again, and conſidered, Paragraph by Paragraph; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *John Croſby*, and *Benjamin Jones*, draw up an Anſwer thereto, and lay the ſame before the Houſe To-morrow.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, the great Eaſe and Benefit they have received by the Flour-Act, praying the ſame may be renewed and more effectually inforced, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Silvanus Smout*, ſetting forth, that he preferred a Petition laſt Year to the Aſſembly, requeſting the Ferry from *Philadelphia* to *Glouceſter* and *Cooper*'s might be granted to him by Law, *&c.* and that the ſame lies dormant, and prays the ſame may be revived, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of the County of *Bucks*, ſetting forth, that they petitioned the Aſſembly laſt Year for Leave to bring in a Bill to build a new Court-houſe and Priſon in the Townſhip of *Newtown*, which was done, and laid before the Governor, in order to paſs into a Law, *&c.* deſiring the ſame may be re-aſſumed, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition for renewing the Flour Act was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading.

The Petition of *Everard Boulton*, and his Wife, together with the Children of *John Jones*, deceaſed, ſetting forth, that they had Leave from the laſt Aſſembly to bring in a Bill for veſting the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and alſo the perſonal Eſtate of *John Jones*, late of *Philadelphia*, in Truſtees, to be ſold for the Uſe of the ſaid Children, as by his Will is directed, and requeſting the ſaid Bill may be re-aſſumed, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 6.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition for renewing the Flour Act was read the third Time.

After ſome Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that all Flour exported out of this Province ſhall have the publick Brand-mark impreſs'd thereon? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Samuel Hudſon*, *Thomas Treſs*, and *Thomas Watſon*, be a Committee to draw up a Bill for the ſame, and that they take the Aſſiſtance of ſome Perſon learned in the Law.

The Petition of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, ſetting forth, that they are dubious whether the Act for more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies be now in Force, and praying this Houſe to take it into their ſerious Conſideration, and make ſuch Proviſion as may enable them to proceed in their Duty; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Members appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, in Anſwer to his Speech of Yeſterday, brought in the ſame; which being read,

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went immediately on the Conſideration of the Anſwer to the Governor's Speech; and, after a long Debate, and ſeveral Alterations made,

Ordered, That the ſame be re-committed to *Anthony Morris*, *Edward Farmar*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *William Webb*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 7.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members to whom the Anſwer to the Governor's Speech was re-committed Yeſterday, brought in the ſame; which being read, after ſome Alterations, was agreed to be tranſcribed, in order to be ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor.

The Petition of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

1724-25. 11th Mo. 7. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Debate be referred till the Afternoon.

The Petition of the Mayor and Recorder, in Behalf of the Corporation, requeſting that a former Petition lodged in this Houſe, relating to the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, be conſidered, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, ſetting forth, that he preferred a Petition to the laſt Aſſembly relating to the Ferries aboveſaid, and praying that the ſame may be granted to him, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that they are informed that the Mayor and Recorder, in Behalf of the Corporation, have petitioned the laſt Aſſembly to move the ſaid Ferry, under the Juriſdiction of the ſaid Corporation, and deſiring the ſame may be continued under the Care of the County, and that *Armſtrong Smith* be Ferry-man; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the fifth Inſtant, according to Order, being tranſcribed, was ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows, *viz.*

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Anſwer to the Governor's Speech. *UPON this freſh Occaſion of the Governor's Speech to us the fifth Inſtant, we moſt ſincerely and thankfully acknowledge the favourable Diſpenſations of divine Providence, from time to time, to the People of this Province whom we repreſent; among which we are obliged, in Gratitude, to acknowledge the Governor's ready Concurrence to ſuch Bills as in his Judgment appeared to be for the Intereſt of this Province, and particularly ſuch as really do contribute to the Increaſe of Trade, and render the People eaſy.*

We are neverthleſs ſenſible, with the Governor, of the Imperfection of human Nature, and that there are, in moſt Governments, ſome Tempers that cannot be ſatisfied ſhort of unlimited Power, but ſuch are not apparent to us under the Governor's Adminiſtration.

We cannot but concur with the Governor in obſerving the ſolid Happineſs that attends Unanimity and Concord (without which no Government can be happy) which we ſhall always endeavour to promote; and, to the utmoſt of our Power, ſhall be diligent and careful to ſuppreſs every unjuſt Cauſe of Murmuring and Diſcontent.

We hope alſo, that we ſhall acquit ourſelves loyal and dutiful Subjects to our Sovereign GEORGE, *the beſt of Kings, and dutiful to the Proprietary; and alſo, at all Times, with Courage aſſert the Privileges of the Free-born Subjects we repreſent.*

As the Governor has not thought fit to recommend any Thing further to us in his Speech for a Foundation of our Proceedings, we ſhall apply ourſelves to conſider what the Exigencies of the Country may, at this Time, require of us, in which ſhall hope for the Governor's favourable Concurrence; and likewiſe ſhall not be wanting to ſupply the Governor with an honourable Support.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

WILLIAM BILES, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, *Matthias Holſton*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *William Pile*, wait on the Governor with the ſame: Who return, and report, they delivered the ſaid Anſwer, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he had a Matter of great Importance, which he ſhould lay before the Houſe To-morrow; and that he hoped there would continue a good Underſtanding between the Governor and Repreſentatives; and that he ſhould be ready to concur with any Thing that ſeemed for the Intereſt of the Country.

The *Bucks* County Petition, for building a new Court-houſe and Priſon, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition of the Commiſſioners and Aſſeſſors, and debated thereon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 11th Mo. 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe fell into a long Debate about reviſing the Laws.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *William Webb*, be a Committee to reviſe the Laws of this Province, and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, as Occaſion may require; and that they make Report of their Proceedings thereon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, *&c.* 1724-25.

The Governor's Secretary brought a Meſſage to the Houſe in Writing, which, being read, is as followeth, *viz.* 11*th Mo.* 8. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'IN Anſwer to your Addreſs of Yeſterday, I thankfully accept your grateful Acknowledgments for my ready Concurrence with ſuch Bills, from the Houſe of Repreſentatives, as appeared to be for the Intereſt of the Province, and particularly ſuch as you are ſenſible do really contribute to the Increaſe of Trade, and Eaſe of the People.

'I am likewiſe much pleaſed to find it is the Senſe of your Houſe, that notwithſtanding the Imperfection of human Nature, and the untowardly Tempers, which, in moſt Governments, cannot be ſatisfied, ſhort of unlimited Power, yet that none ſuch have been ſuffered to appear, under my Adminiſtration, to diſturb your Quiet.

'Your Reſolutions to promote Unanimity and Concord, and to ſuppreſs every unjuſt Cauſe of Murmuring and Diſcontent, are perfectly agreeable to my Sentiments, and it ſhall be my Care that your ſincere Expreſſions of Loyalty to his Majeſty King GEORGE, and of your Duty to the Proprietary, be favourably repreſented at Home.

'You will find me readily diſpoſed to concur with every Thing which the Exigencies of the Country may require at your Hands; and, with very hearty Thanks for the Aſſurance you give me, I depend on the Juſtice and Honour of your Houſe, in ſupplying the Governor with an honourable Support.

'I would ere now have laid ſome Buſineſs of Importance before you, which nearly concerns your own and the Peoples Privileges, but the Subſtance thereof being contained in ſome ſecret Original Inſtructions and Letters, which, perhaps, you may not think very proper to be publiſhed, and I being well informed that there is a certain Member, who, unknown to the laſt Houſe of Repreſentatives, did, unwarrantably, take from the Clerk a Copy of a private Letter, wherewith I had in Confidence truſted the Aſſembly, and actually made uſe of it, with ſome Enemies of mine, to the Diſadvantage of our publick Meaſures at that Time; I cannot, either in Juſtice to myſelf or the Publick, venture to repeat a Confidence of that Kind, until you have taken ſuch Meaſures, as you ſhall judge the Nature of the Caſe requires, to make both yourſelves and me more ſafe and eaſy from the underhand Projects and Deſigns of ſuch Men.

'As therefore I am ready and willing, not only to put the Means in your Hands, but even to aſſiſt you in aſcertaining and ſecuring the Peoples Privileges, granted to them by Charter, which you will ſenſibly find are ſtruck at by the pernicious Advice and Ambition of ſome private Men, I hope it will be underſtood that I have done all that was incumbent on me, or indeed can be expected from me, to preſerve the Liberties of the Free-born Subjects you repreſent; and whatſoever your Reſolutions may be therein, I ſhall hereafter reſt fully ſatisfied and contented with having done the Duty of your Governor, as became a loyal Subject and Servant to King GEORGE, as well as honeſt Freeman of *Pennſylvania*, who has always ſhewed a Readineſs to maintain the Proprietary's juſt Right, with all due Deference to his Family.' *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Then the Houſe enter'd into a Debate thereon; and, after ſome Time ſpent,

Ordered, That the ſaid Debate be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, William Biles, Joſeph Kirkbride, *junior*, Thomas Watſon *(Practioner in Phyſick) and* Abraham Chapman, *to build a new Court-houſe and Priſon at* Newtown, *in the County of* Bucks, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 9.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered on the Debate referred to this Morning.

The Petition of *Everard Boulton*, and *Margaret*, his Wife, and the Children of *John Jones*, deceaſed, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated, and ordered a third Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Eleventh Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 11. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the further Debate of the Governor's written Meſſage of the eighth Inſtant. Adjournment. 11*th Mo.* 12.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's written Meſſage of the eighth Inſtant, and lay it before the Houſe in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon Adjournment.

The

1724-25. The House met, &c.

11th Mo. 12 *Post Meridiem.* The Members appointed brought in the Answer to the Governor's written Message, according to Order, which being read, and some Alterations made, was agreed to.

Ordered, That the same be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, and sent to the Governor; which was done accordingly, and is as follows, *viz.*

Assembly's Answer to the Governor's Message.

May it please the GOVERNOR,

IN Answer to the Governor's Message of the eighth Instant, we return the Governor our hearty Thanks for his Assurance of a favourable Representation of us to his Majesty King GEORGE, *and our Duty to the Proprietary's Family.*

The House has diligently enquired into the Matter complained of, relating to a Copy of a Letter, and has received Satisfaction.

And as the Institution of Assemblies was intended to advance the Good of the Publick, in providing for all the Exigencies of the Government, and securing the Rights of the People, we shall always be ready to receive any Thing from the Governor that may conduce to those Ends.

And the Governor may assure himself, we will make no other Use of what he communicates to us, but what is consistent with our Trust and Station.

Signed by Order of the House,

January 12, 1724-25. WILLIAM BILES, Speaker.

Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 13. *Ordered*, That *Matthias Holston*, *Thomas Tress*, *John Parry*, and *Abraham Chapman*, wait on the Governor with the same; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-Morrow Morning.

The House met, &c.

The Members appointed to carry the Answer to the Governor's written Message of the eighth Instant, report, that they delivered the same, according to Order, and that he returned the House Thanks for the same; and was pleased to say, that he would lay before the House some Papers of Importance by Eleven a Clock this Morning.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*, was read a second Time;

Ordered, That the Consideration thereof be referred to another Time.

The Governor, by his Secretary, laid sundry Papers of Importance before the House, for their Perusal; likewise delivered a Message in Writing, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

Governor's Message, 'I SEND herewith, for your Perusal, Mrs. *Penn*'s original Letter of private Instructions 'to me, with my Answer thereunto; and also a Letter from Mr. *Joshua Gee*, which, 'altho' they contain Matters relating to the Publick Affairs of Government, yet from the 'Stile and Manner of their coming to my Hands, they so far appear to be of a private Na-'ture, as if they were not intended to be communicated unto any but those who are truly 'concerned therein.

'I have not yet had an Opportunity to know particularly from *England* what ill Use was 'made of the Copy of that Letter, which was clandestinely obtained from your Clerk, 'and sent Home by those who were notorious Enemies to our Paper Currency; but I have 'all the Reason imaginable to believe they could have no other Design but secretly to re-'flect upon my Conduct, and to obstruct, as much as they could, the good Effects of the 'Act of Assembly passed at that Time; wherefore you will excuse me peremptorily to insist 'upon it, that the guilty Member be obliged to render me such Satisfaction, in this Case, as 'my Honour requires.

'How far such Things are consistent with publick Faith, the Honour of your House, 'and the Interest of your Country, I shall leave wholly to your own Judgment; but I must 'hope, that whersoever you shall find, amongst yourselves, a real Intention to hurt the 'Governor, purely for his Condescensions unto, and Compliances with, the reasonable Sense 'of the Peoples Representatives in Assembly, you will take the necessary Measures to o-'blige such Men to acknowledge their Mistakes, in a proper Manner, or to put it out of their 'Power to effect any such Mischief for the future.'

January 13, 1724-25. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Morris Morris*, *Joseph Fell*, and *William Pile*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him more particularly with the Mind of the House on that Affair; and that the Papers the Governor was pleased to send, the House has not had Time to read, but has taken Care to secure them till the House can consider of them, which shall be as soon as possible.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the ſaid Papers be lock'd up, and the Key delivered to the Speaker; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1724-25. 11*th Mo.* 13. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that the Country ſuffers very much by Reaſon of a late Law, impoſing a Duty on Liquors diſtilled in this Province, and requeſting Relief in that Behalf, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*; and being read Paragraph by Paragraph, and debated, and divers Amendments made,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed, with the ſaid Amendments, in order to a third Reading; and the ſame was committed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and, after ſome Debate, adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 11*th Mo.* 14. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and, after ſome Debate, adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *Poſt Meridiem.* Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, William Biles, Joſeph Kirkbride, jun. Thomas Watſon, *and* Abraham Chapman, *to build a new Court-houſe and Priſon in the County of* Bucks, was read the ſecond Time, and ſome Amendments made. 11*th Mo.* 15.

Ordered, That the ſame be committed for a third Reading with the ſaid Amendments; and the ſame was committed.

Ordered, That the Papers the Governor was pleaſed to ſend to the Houſe the thirteenth Inſtant (*viz.* Private Inſtructions from Mrs. *Penn*, to Sir *William Keith*, with *Henry Goldney*'s and *Joſhua Gee*'s Letters, and the Governor's ſeveral Anſwers thereunto) be read, which was done accordingly.

A Letter from *James Logan* to this Houſe, was introduced by a Member, which, being opened, was read: The ſame covered ſome other Papers, *viz.* Reaſons given Governor *Keith*, by ſome Members of Council, for leaving that Board, *February* 22, 1717-18; and a Copy of the Governor's Letters to Mrs. *Penn*, dated *July* 5, 1722, which were alſo read.

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to this Afternoon.

Ordered, That all the ſaid Papers be locked up, and the Key delivered to the Speaker; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Papers, and having read divers of them,

Ordered, That the Charter of Privileges be read, which was done accordingly; and, after ſome Debate thereon, the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 11*th Mo.* 16.

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Governor's private Inſtructions from the Widow *Penn*; and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, whether any Part of the ſaid Inſtructions be contradictory, and an Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges by Charter granted to the People of this Province? *Paſſed in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Job Goodſon*, and *Thomas Treſs*, be appointed to reviſe the Minutes.

Ordered, That the Clerk tranſcribe a fair Copy thereof afterwards, and depoſite the ſame in the Coffee-houſe.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the firſt of *February* next, if he pleaſes to agree thereunto: Who return, and report, that they had done their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to conſent to the propoſed Adjournment; and that he deſires that the Clerk may have Orders to make out a Copy of the ſaid private Inſtructions, and return him the Original.

Ordered, That the Clerk tranſcribe a Copy, and that the Members appointed to reviſe the Minutes examine the ſame; and after, the ſaid Members to return the Original to the Governor.

The Member that introduced *James Logan*'s Letter acquaints the Houſe, that the ſaid *James Logan* deſires that he may have a Copy of the Papers returned to him ſuperſcribed, *viz.* Reaſons given to Governor *Keith*, by *R. H. I. N. I. D.* and *J. L.* Members of Council.

Ordered, That the Clerk likewiſe make out a Copy of the ſaid Papers, and that the ſaid Members examine the ſame, and afterwards deliver it to *James Logan*; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt of *February* next.

1724-25. 12*th Mo.* 1. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon*, and *Benjamin Jones*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, according to Adjournment, deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 2. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that he was pleaſed to ſay, he had nothing at preſent to offer to the Houſe, but was ready to forward ſuch Bills as the Houſe ſhould lay before him.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*, was read the third Time, and recommitted to *Anthony Morris*, *Morris Morris*, *John Kearſley*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, for ſome Amendments.

The Petition of ſundry Merchants, and others, of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that by a Law of this Province, no one Perſon is allowed to keep in his Houſe more than ſix Pounds of Gun-powder in the ſaid City of *Philadelphia*, and that there is no commodious Place provided for the ſafe keeping of the ſame, and praying that there may be a proper Place and Perſon appointed for that Purpoſe, and recommending *William Chancellor*, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, *&c. to build a new Courthouſe and Priſon in the County of* Bucks, &c. was read the third Time; and then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſame do paſs? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the ſame be tranſcribed, ready to lay before the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three of the Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Silvanus Smout*, for the Ferries to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith* for the ſaid Ferries, was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of the Mayor and Recorder, that the ſaid Ferries may be veſted in the Corporation of *Philadelphia*, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of many of the Inhabitants of the County of *Philadelphia*, praying the ſaid Ferries may be continued to the County, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

After Debate on the above Petitions, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Ferries be veſted in the County? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of ſome Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that they are well ſatisfied with the Propoſal of building a Powder-houſe, but that the Place intended is too near their Habitations; therefore prays that a Place more commodious, and leſs dangerous, be fixed upon, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants, deſiring the Repeal of a Clauſe in a late Act, impoſing an Exciſe on Spirits diſtilled in this Province, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 3. *Ordered*, That the ſaid Debate be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Debate referred to this Morning, and the Petition thereto relating, being read again, and debated,

A Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that there be a Rebate or Drawback allowed for all Liquors diſtilled in this Province? *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Upon which the ſaid Petition was laid aſide.

The Houſe went on a further Debate about the Ferries to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Ferries be veſted in the Magiſtracy of the County of *Philadelphia*, and that they lett out the ſame upon Rent, to be paid into the County Treaſury, for the Uſe of the ſaid County.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Edward Farmar*, draw up a Bill for the ſaid Uſe, and lay the ſame before the Houſe.

The Petition of *David Evans* informs the Houſe, that there is due to him a certain Sum of Money for the Entertainment of the Judges of Supreme Courts, and Courts of Oyer and Terminer, and for Repairs of the old Priſon, and knowing no other Way of Relief therein, prays this Houſe to order the Payment thereof, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders, as alſo the Fees as directed by Law, has not been complied with, to the great Damage of many, *&c.* requeſting that the ſaid Act, and other Acts,

Acts, may be reviſed and amended; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1724-25.

The Houſe met, &c. 12th Mo. 3. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſhewing divers Reaſons againſt the late Act of Exciſe, eſpecially on our Country Produce, &c. praying Relief; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of a great Number of the Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that reading the Minutes of this Houſe, they are informed that there are Endeavours uſed to infringe on the Privileges granted by Charter, as appears by the late Inſtructions from Widow *Penn* to the Governor, by which a Council are to have a Negative on the Laws to be paſſed; and praying that this honourable Houſe would take ſuch Meaſures as may prevent the ſame; and alſo puniſh the Abettors and Promoters thereof; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *Hugh Hughes*, about the Duty of certain *Negroes*, was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Everard Boulton*, &c. was read the third Time, and Leave given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer thereof; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 12th Mo. 4.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petition referred to this Morning;

Ordered, To be laid aſide, inaſmuch as this Houſe is now informed that the ſaid Affair is likely to be accommodated.

The Houſe went on a Debate about the County Levy Act, and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the Members appointed to draw up the Bill for the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, apply to the Chief Juſtice, and that he aſſiſt them therein.

The Petition of *David Evans* was read a ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide, for that the Petitioner has applied improperly for one Part, and out of Time for the other Part, being fore-cloſed by a Law.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, complaining of the Exciſe Act, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That (inaſmuch as the Exciſe Act is of ſo late Standing, and ſo ſhort Continuance) the Houſe is not inclined to make any Alteration therein.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Philadelphia*, about the Proceſs of Summons and Fees, was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Treſs*, inform ſome of the Petitioners that this Houſe requires them to produce ſuch Credentials as may ſupport the Allegations therein mentioned, and that the further Conſideration thereof be referred till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Committee appointed to ſettle the Accounts of the Provincial and County Treaſurers, &c. delivered in their Report, which was read, and is as follows, *viz*,

Report of the Committee of Accounts.

WE the Committee of Aſſembly, appointed to ſettle the Publick Accounts, and to ſink the proportionable Parts of the Money lent to the Provincial Treaſurer, and to the reſpective County Treaſurers; and alſo to ſink the remaining Part of the Payment due from the Mortgagers to the Loan-Office, report, That we have examined the Accounts of *Charles Read*, Collector of Exciſe, and find he hath paid unto the Provincial Treaſurer (by *Andrew Hamilton*) the Sum of *Sixty Pounds*, and to ſaid Treaſurer, *Five Pounds*, and *Six-pence*, makes *Sixty-five Pounds*, and *Six-pence*, which fully balances the Account of Exciſe ariſing from the *Eight-pence per* Gallon Act, ending the Fourteenth of the *Third Month*, 1724.

And we have alſo examined the ſaid Collector's Accounts, according to the Act for Exciſe of *Six-pence per* Gallon, and find the Amount thereof to be, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, from the 14th of the *Third Month*, 1724, to the 26th of the *Tenth Month* following,	£	496	9	7½		
And for the County of *Bucks* the ſame Time, —		55	9	6½		
And for the County of *Cheſter*, from the 14th of the *Third Month*, 1724, to the 14th of the *Seventh Month* following, — —		47	4	6		
Being in all, — —					£	599 3 8

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Of which he hath paid to the Provincial Treaſurer,	£ 245 7 11		
And his Commiſſions on the ſaid Sum, at *Ten per Cent.*	59 18 4		
Remains due from ſaid Collector to the Provincial Treaſurer,	293 17 5		
		£ 599 3 8	
We have alſo examined the Accounts of *Charles Read*, the Officer for paying *One Penny per Pound* Bounty upon merchantable Hemp, raiſed in this Province, and find he hath paid Bounty for Twenty-one Thouſand two Hundred and eight Pounds of Hemp (ſold ſince the laſt Settlement) the Sum of —		£ 88 7 4	
And there remains a Balance in his Hands, carried to new Account, the Sum of — —		19 0 3¼	
We have alſo examined and ſettled the Accounts of *Samuel Preſton*, Provincial Treaſurer, and find the total Debt of the Province, for all Orders iſſued ſince laſt Settlement, made with him by the Committee of Aſſembly, on the 7th of the *Third Month*, 1724, amounts unto the Sum of —	£ 322 10 6		
And his Commiſſions, at *Five per Cent.* thereon,	16 2 6		
And Bills of Credit, ſunk in Preſence of Committee,	312 10 0		
And his Commiſſions, at *Five per Cent.* thereon, —	15 12 6		
And the Balance of laſt Account ſettled, and then due from the Province, —	3701 7 9		
Makes the total Debt of the Province,		£ 4368 3 3	
Towards which, he hath received in Bills of Credit from the Loan-Office, —	3800 0 0		
And credits for an improper Charge in his laſt Accounts for Commiſſions, —	190 0 0		
And *William Trent* and Company, for *One Hundred Pounds*, being the Remainder of an Order for *One Hundred* and *Fifty Pounds* to be paid them, to ſettle an Agency, and *Five Pounds* Commiſſions thereon,	105 0 0		
And by *Owen Roberts*, former Collector, the Sum of	193 10 0		
And by *Charles Read*, preſent Collector, for the Balance of Account of former Exciſe, ending the 14th of the *Third Month*, 1724, —	65 0 6		
And by Ditto, Collector, for the Sum of —	245 7 11		
		£ 4598 18 5	
By which the Balance in the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer appears to be the Sum of — —		£ 230 15 2	

And as to the State of the Debt of the Province, for Money taken out of the Loan-Office, and received into the Treaſury, being in all *Three Thouſand Eight Hundred Pounds*, viz. *One Thouſand Three Hundred Pounds* of the laſt Loan, and *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds* of the firſt, the Proportion of which laſt Sum being ſunk by the Treaſurer, in Preſence of the Committee, is *Three Hundred Twelve Pounds, Ten Shillings*; there remains due from the Publick Funds, to diſcharge the ſaid Loans, the Sum of *Three Thouſand Four Hundred* and *Eighty-ſeven Pounds, Ten Shillings*.

We have received of *Samuel Preſton*, Provincial Treaſurer, the Sum of *Three Hundred Twelve Pounds, Ten Shillings*, being the one Eighth Part of *Two Thouſand Five Hundred Pounds* of Bills of Credit, put into the Treaſury for diſcharging the Publick Debts of this Province, as the Law for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit doth direct.

We have alſo received of *Evan Owen*, Treaſurer for the County of *Philadelphia*, *One Hundred* and *Twenty-five Pounds* in Bills of Credit, being the one Eighth Part of *One Thouſand Pounds* lent the County; alſo of *Philip Taylor*, Treaſurer of the County of *Cheſter*, the Sum of *Thirty-ſeven Pounds, Ten Shillings*, being the one Eighth Part of *Three Hundred Pounds* lent the ſaid County; and alſo of *Jeremiah Langhorne*, Treaſurer of the County of *Bucks*, the Sum of *Twenty-five Pounds*, being the one Eighth Part of *Two Hundred Pounds* lent that County.

We have alſo ſunk and deſtroyed the remaining Part of the firſt Payment, due from the Mortgagers to the Loan-Office, being *Eighty-five Pounds*, as appears by Report of a former

mer Committee, delivered the 14th of *Auguſt*, 1724; all which Bills of Credit we have ſunk and deſtroyed as the Law for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* in Bills of Credit doth direct; all which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by 1724-25. 12th Mo. 4.

ANTHONY MORRIS,
JOHN KEARSLEY,
JOB GOODSON.

February 4, 1724.

The Members appointed this Forenoon to require the Petitioners to produce Vouchers for their Allegations, report, that ſome of them will attend the Houſe this Afternoon. And Captain *Anthony* waited at the Door, and being called in, did relate how he had been arreſted contrary to the ſaid Law, *&c.* After ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the Houſe enter upon the further Conſideration thereof To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of ſeveral Merchants, in Behalf of themſelves and others, ſetting forth the Benefit they have received by the Honeſty and diligent Application of the Flour Officer, and deſiring the Continuance of his Salary and Fees, as alſo a further Encouragement; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 5.

The Houſe, according to the Order of Yeſterday, went on the further Conſideration of the Law of Summons; and, after Debate,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Morris Morris*, go to the Clerk of the Court, to know whether he has thoſe Objections the Court drew up in Writing, relating to the Law of Summons; if he has them not, that he apply to the Magiſtrates to draw up their Reaſons in Writing, and lay them before the Houſe immediately.

The Flour Act was brought in and read, according to the Amendments made by the Committee appointed the ſecond Inſtant.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor.

The Members who went to the Clerk of the Court, return, and report, that they delivered the above Meſſage; and the ſaid Clerk told them, that there was a Paper read in the Court, containing the Opinion of ſome of the Juſtices concerning the ſaid Law of Summons, but where it is he knows not; but if the ſame could not be found, he would endeavour to procure their Objections to lay before the Houſe.

The Houſe was informed that *James Logan* attended at the Door;

Ordered, That *Thomas Watſon* go and aſk him, whether he has any Thing in Writing to offer to the Houſe, as the Opinion of the then Juſtices relating to the Law of Summons, and to bring the ſame into the Houſe; and being returned, reported, that he had ſpoke with *James Logan*, who anſwered, that he had nothing in Writing by him; but that he was willing to inform the Houſe of the Heads of the Paper containing the Opinion of the Juſtices on the Law of Summons.

The Petition for a Powder-houſe was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition againſt the ſaid Powder-houſe was read the ſecond Time.

A Paper, under the Hand of the Recorder and Aldermen of this City, approving of he Place deſigned to build the Powder-houſe, was read; and, after ſome Debate,

Ordered, That the Petitioners have Leave to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth the great Damage the Country ſuſtains by Reaſon of the late Increaſe of Crows, Blackbirds, red headed Woodpeckers, and grey Squirrels, and praying ſome Method may be uſed to remedy the ſame; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition concerning the late Inſtructions from Widow *Penn* to our Governor, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time.

Then was read the Remonſtrance of ſundry Members of Council in 1717-18, and the Governor's Obſervations thereon, by way of Anſwer; alſo a long Memorial from *James Logan*, in Behalf of the Proprietary's Family, and of himſelf; upon which, a Debate ariſing, the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 12th Mo. 6.

The Bills whoſe Titles follow, *viz. An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, *&c. to build a new Court-houſe and Priſon in the County of* Bucks; *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*; being tranſcribed and examined,

Ordered, That *Thomas Watſon*, and *Joſeph Pennock*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid two Bills, and deſire his Concurrence thereto.

1724-25, 12th Mo. 6. The Houſe went on the further Conſideration of what was debated laſt Night; then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the private Inſtructions to Governor *Keith*, and all the Papers relating thereto, be publiſhed; alſo the Memorial of *James Logan*, in Behalf of the Proprietary and himſelf; alſo the Reaſons given Governor *Keith*, by ſome Members of Council, for leaving that Board the 22d of *February*, 1717-18; and the Governor's Obſervations thereon, by way of Anſwer? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Members above return, and report, that they delivered the Bills, according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would receive thoſe Bills, but ſhould not proceed thereon, until he had the Opinion of the Houſe concerning his late private Inſtructions.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Job Goodſon*, and *John Kearſley*, reviſe the Minutes of this Week, in order to have them publiſhed, and that the Clerk deliver a Copy of the ſame to *Andrew Bradford*, and likewiſe a Copy of the above Papers.

The Widow PENN's *private* INSTRUCTIONS *to Sir* WILLIAM KEITH, *Bart.*

Sir *William Keith*, *London*, *May* 20, 1724.

Mrs. *Penn*'s private Inſtructions to Sir *William Keith*.

IN my laſt, of the Twenty-fifth of *February*, by the *Beaver*, encloſing an Agreement made with Lord *Baltimore*, for the Quieting of the People of both Provinces in their Settlements on the Borders, I wrote my Sentiments freely on ſome Points relating to thyſelf and the Government; ſince which, I have, with the Principal of the Truſtees, and other Friends, conſidered more cloſely of the Province, and our Intereſt there, which ſeems, of late, to be under ſome Diſcouragement, and to have ſuffered by Irregularities, which, it is high Time, ſhould be remedied; and it may be worthy of thy own Reflection to conſider, whether much of thy late Conduct, together with ſo apparent a Neglect of us, might not give us too much Reaſon to doubt whether thou didſt look upon thyſelf to be any longer accountable to us; or whether thou haſt not entertained an Opinion, that ſince my Huſband's Deceaſe, the Circumſtances of the Family had put it out of our Power to take any new Meaſures with that Government: But I may take this Opportunity to let thee know, that we could long ere this have found Means to convince thee to the contrary, had it not been for our tender Regard to thy Family, and the Hopes we had conceived that thou wouldſt have made the beſt Application of thy known Abilities to the Intereſt of thy Conſtituents: And to the Intent that thy future Management may be more to our Satisfaction, I ſhall now give thee ſome further Inſtructions, which I ſhall expect thou wilt punctually obſerve, together with thoſe formerly given thee with thy Commiſſion.

And, in the firſt Place, as I have, together with the Truſtees, made a further Nomination and Appointment of Perſons to manage our Proprietary Affairs there, by the Names of Agents or Commiſſioners, thou art to aſſiſt thoſe Commiſſioners with the Powers of Government in all Caſes where neceſſary or requiſite for advancing our juſt Intereſt; and eſpecially endeavour to ſee the Authority of the Courts and Laws executed againſt thoſe who, on any Pretence, invade or detain our Rights from us: And if in any Caſe there ſhould be Occaſion to uſe the Powers of Legiſlature, thou art to apply thy beſt Endeavours to procure the Aſſiſtance of the Aſſembly to join with thee in paſſing ſuch further Laws as may, on ſuch Occaſions, be wanted. And here I cannot but take Notice of thy Imprudence and great Miſtake in a Point of this Nature, as mentioned in thy laſt Letter to me.

As in all Charges of the Governors there, the Dependance of the Proprietary and his Family has been chiefly on their Friends in the Council, whoſe Recommendation alone was (as thou muſt needs remember) the firſt and chief Step to thy Advancement to the Place thou enjoyeſt, we muſt ſtill rely on their Advice and Aſſiſtance as our principal Security, and more eſpecially upon ſuch of them as were confided in by my late Huſband; but as thy Meaſures with the Council (as I have been aſſured by divers Hands) have been new and ſingular, it is now abſolutely required, that thou reform them as follows, *viz.*

That no Perſon be called to that Board, and admitted a Member of it, without being firſt propoſed and approved of in Council impartially and equally convened, conſiſting of at leaſt two Thirds of the whole Number of acting Members, after which he may be admitted at the next Sitting: But as that Country was principally ſettled by thoſe of our Profeſſion, called *Quakers*, it is expected that at leaſt one Half of the whole Number ſhall be of that Profeſſion. And if any Perſon has been called to that Board without having been firſt approved of as aforeſaid, that he be excluded till ſuch Time as he ſhall be ſo approved; and that the Number of acting Members reſident in the Government conſiſt not of leſs than Eight, nor of more than Twelve, at one Time.

The Powers of Legiſlature being at preſent lodged ſolely in the Governor and Aſſembly, without ſo much as a Negative reſerved to the Proprietary when abſent, it is of the higheſt Importance for our Security, as well as for that of the Country, that Matters of Legiſlation

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ſhould be carried on with the moſt mature Adviſement and Deliberation; for it never was intended that every new Governor ſhould, with an Aſſembly annually choſen, proceed to make what new Laws they ſhould think proper, to be tranſmited directly to the King's Miniſters, without any other Check: It has therefore been the more ſurprizing to ſee thee (from whom it could have been leaſt expected) to be the firſt Author of ſo dangerous an Invention, which entirely takes off the Security which the Proprietary ever had; and abſolutely required of his former Deputies, that nothing ſhould be tranſacted by them, with any Aſſembly, but with the joint Concurrence and Approbation of his Friends in Council: Therefore, for Remedy of this Grievance, it is required, that thou adviſe with the Council upon every Meeting or Adjournment of the Aſſembly, which requires any Deliberation on the Governor's Part; that thou make no Speech, nor ſend any written Meſſage to the Aſſembly, but what ſhall be firſt approved in Council; that thou receive all Meſſages from them in Council, if practicable at the Time; and ſhall return no Bills to the Houſe, without the Advice of the Council; nor paſs any whatſoever into a Law, without the Conſent of a Majority of that Board; that the Minutes of Council be regularly kept, and thoſe of the preceding Council be read and approved at the next Meeting, and ſhall always remain in the Poſſeſſion of the Clerk of the Council. 1724-25. 12th Mo. 6.

I ought to have taken more Notice than I ſhall do of the laſt Letter I ever received from thee, being of the 5th of *July*, 1722; but as I look'd upon it only as the Effect of ſome warm Reſentment, I ſhall, for divers Reaſons, chooſe to ſay no more of it here. I muſt, however, further obſerve, that *James Logan*, ſince his Arrival here, has, to our Surprize, on all Occaſions refuſed the Title of Secretary of that Province; which, upon Enquiry into the Cauſe, I find is owing to thy appointing, by thy Commiſſion under the Great Seal, another Perſon (an entire Stranger to us) to officiate as Secretary of the Government in all Caſes where any Profits ariſe, as well as Clerk of the Council. Upon which, I cannot but tell thee, that my Huſband, the late Proprietary and Governor, after a full Experience of his Probity, Fidelity and Capacity, for that Employment, appointed him, not only Secretary of the Province, but intruſted him particularly with the Management of his Affairs as his Receiver General, and continued the ſame Confidence in him, ſo far as to name him to be one of the Truſtees of his laſt Will. And I muſt do him the Juſtice to ſay, that we have had long Experience of his many faithful Services, and of his conſtant Care and Zeal to promote and ſupport our Intereſt in that Country: We have ſeen the Juſtneſs of his Accounts, which have been carefully examined ſince his coming over; and ſuch an Inſtance of his Fidelity in making of our Returns (whereby we have been benefited many Hundreds of Pounds, by ſaving the Exchange) as can leave us no Room to ſuſpect his Integrity in the Management of any of our Affairs that have been under his Care; and therefore I ſhould very much wrong both him and myſelf, to look upon him in any other View than that of a very honeſt and capable Man, and my true and faithful Friend: 'Tis therefore what we never could have expected, that a Gentleman who obtained that Government by my Huſband's Commiſſion, and ſtill holds it on the Foot of the ſame Appointment, ſhould, without any Notice to, or Direction from us, and without ever adviſing with his Council (as his Inſtructions enjoin him in ſuch Caſes) take upon him to diſplace ſuch an Officer: It is therefore expected and required, that all Commiſſions invalidating thoſe to him ſhall be forthwith made void. That the Leſſer Seal of the Province be re-delivered to him, and remain in his Cuſtody, as it ever was from his Arrival there to thy Acceſſion to the Government; that he, by himſelf, or his Deputy, ſhall exerciſe all the Parts of the Secretary's Office; that all Inſtruments and Writings, ſigned by the Governor, excepting Military Commiſſions, and Licences for Marriages, be done in his Office, and ſealed with the Seal of the Province; that only he, or ſuch Perſons as he ſhall appoint, with the Approbation of the Council, be Clerk of that Board; and that all the Minutes of the Council ſhall remain in his Keeping. In all which, I deſire and expect that there be no Heſitation or Delay; and that, for the future, all Means be uſed to cultivate and preſerve a good Underſtanding between you, for the Publick Peace, and general Good of the Province, and my Family.

As to the Acts for a Paper Credit, tho' the Merchants here inveigh very much againſt them, and the Manner of paſſing them has given us Reaſon to be diſſatisfied, and might have tempted us to have had them repealed (which was eaſily practicable) yet, upon a mature Deliberation, we have reſolved to ſuffer the Paſſing them, yet with this full Expectation, that all poſſible Care be taken to ſupport their Credit by any further Acts that may be neceſſary for that Purpoſe, and all other Means that may conduce to that End; but we hope and expect that thou wilt never give thy Aſſent to the Paſſing any Law for the creating any more ſuch Paper Credit.

We have been here very well pleaſed with the happy Event of the Treaty at *Albany*, after the unfortunate Death of the *Indian* that loſt his Life in the Province; and we cannot but approve the Conduct of the Government in that Affair, and acknowledge not only the Care of the Governor himſelf, but alſo of thoſe Gentlemen who undertook ſo fatiguing a Journey

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ney for the Service of the Publick: And we hope and deſire the ſame Care of thoſe poor People the *Indians* may ſtill be continued; that the ſame Meaſures my Huſband firſt eſtabliſhed with them may be conſtantly purſued; and that on all Occaſions of Moment, the Council, eſpecially thoſe Members of it who are intruſted with the Affairs of Property, may be conſulted; and that all Treaties with them may be managed with their Concurrence and Approbation.

We have had lately a Meeting with Lord *Baltimore* upon the Settling the Boundaries; and tho' we cannot yet come to an Agreement therein, yet his Lordſhip ſeems no leſs diſpoſed than we are to determine that Diſpute ſome way or other as ſoon as poſſible, which we hope may be done within the Time agreed upon for a mutual Ceſſation. However, we deſire thou wilt uſe the ſame Vigilance, which *James Logan* tells us thou haſt always exerted, to defend the Province againſt all Encroachments, if any ſhould be attempted by the *Marylanders*.

To theſe I ſhall only add, that as thou wert choſen in the Time of my Huſband's Weakneſs, by Means of his Friends only, to that important Truſt, it would be with ſome Regret, ſhould we be obliged to make a Change before our final Settlement with the Crown, tho' the Means are ready at Hand: We therefore earneſtly deſire, that thy Skill and Abilities may be employ'd to render thy Continuance yet grateful to us, which can be no other Way effected, than by thy ſtrict Obſervation of thy former, and theſe preſent Inſtructions.

To conclude; I recommend to thy utmoſt Care to promote and encourage Virtue, Sobriety, Peace and Love, among all the Inhabitants; to reconcile all Animoſities and Factions, for thy own Honour, the Reputation of the Country, and our Satisfaction; a ſpeedy Account of which, will be moſt acceptable to us; and in this, I earneſtly deſire the Lord may bleſs thy Endeavours, from whence the moſt ſolid Comfort will ariſe to thyſelf, and a very great One to thy real well-wiſhing Friend,

HANNAH PENN.

HENRY GOULDNEY *and* JOSHUA GEE's *LETTER to Sir* WILLIAM KEITH, *Baronet.*

Sir *William Keith*, *London*, *May* 22, 1724.

Henry Gouldney and *Joſhua Gee*'s Letter to Sir *William Keith.*

THE Care of that Province devolving in ſome Meaſure upon us as Truſtees, we have been obliged to conſider thy late Conduct in it, which has been ſo far from giving Content to thy Friends, who expected a very different Account of it, that we might very juſtly have proceeded to a Change; but the Widow of our worthy Friend, the deceaſed Proprietary, is ſtill willing that thou may have a further Trial, and be continued longer; the only Terms of which is thy ſtrict Compliance with the Inſtructions given in the foregoing Letter. Thou may ſuppoſe, perhaps, that the Powers of Government are not directly lodged, by the Will, in our ſaid Friend the Widow, and therefore that it may not belong ſo immediately to her to direct in Affairs of Government; but as the Intereſt of her Family is principally concerned in the Welfare and Proſperity of that Province, it can become no other Perſon better to take Care of it: And if ever the Propriety of this Proceeding be queſtioned, thou may eaſily be convinced there is a ſufficient Power to end all Diſputes with thee about it. We heartily join with our Friend in the preceding Letter in all its Parts, and ſeriouſly hope, for thy own Sake, that thou wilt make a proper Uſe of it by a punctual Compliance; an Account of which, will be very acceptable to thy well-wiſhing Friends,

HENRY GOULDNEY,
JOSHUA GEE.

Sir WILLIAM KEITH's *ANSWER to Mrs.* PENN's *private Inſtructions.*

Madam, *Philadelphia*, *September* 24, 1724.

Sir *William Keith*'s Anſwer to Mrs. *Penn*'s private Inſtructions,

'YOUR Letter of Inſtructions, dated the twentieth of May, being ſealed up, it was delivered unto me, as a very great Secret, by Mr. *James Logan*, upon his Arrival here; and as I have all along punctually obſerved the late Proprietary's Inſtructions, according to which, I conceive, his Majeſty does now impower me to act in the Adminiſtration of this Government; ſo I am heartily inclined to obſerve, with the ſame Exactneſs, all your lawful Commands, for I am fully perſwaded that you never meant to enjoin any other than ſuch as will appear to be juſtifiable.

'But ſome of theſe laſt Inſtructions, which I underſtand were drawn up by Mr. *Logan*'s Advice, being not only inconſiſtent one with another, but alſo with the Charter of Privileges, which Mr. *Penn* has granted to the good People of this Province, and with the King's Royal Prerogative, I humbly conceive it to be an indiſpenſible Part of my Du-

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'ty to your Family, to lay before you the Particulars, wherein you ſeem to have been miſled, 1724-25.
'before I proceed to endeavour to put in Practice ſuch Things as I judge will be very
'hurtful both to the Peoples and your Intereſt, and which in Truth appear to me as yet to 12th Mo. 6.
'be impracticable.

'Any intelligent Perſon, in Matters of this Kind, can, beyond all Contradiction, de-
'monſtrate, that the Proprietary's Power of enacting Bills from the Aſſembly into Laws,
'and his Negative upon ſuch Bills, is wholly and ſolely lodged in the Perſon of his acting
'Deputy Governor for the Time being, and cannot poſſibly be granted unto and exerciſed
'at the ſame Time by any other Perſon or Perſons whatſoever; and this Truth is amply
'acknowledged by your Letter of Inſtructions, in the following Words, *viz.* "The Powers
'of Legiſlature being at preſent lodged ſolely in the Governor and Aſſembly, without ſo
'much as a Negative reſerved to the Proprietary, *&c.*" Wherefore the following Inſtruc-
'tions, whereby the Governor is reſtrained poſitively from paſſing any Laws without the
'Conſent of the Council, or from ſo much as uttering his Mind either in Speech, or by a
'written Meſſage, to the Aſſembly, without the ſame Conſent, is a plain Inconſiſtency
'and Contradiction to what is immediately before ſo fully acknowledged to be the Conſti-
'tution.

'*Secondly*, The Proprietary having, by his own Charter, granted to the Repreſentatives of
'the People of this Province the Privilege of enacting Laws, in Conjunction with the Go-
'vernor for the Time being, he cannot any otherwiſe, but by the Peoples Conſent, in a
'formal Act of Aſſembly, add a third Part of the Legiſlature, or innovate the Conſtitu-
'tion at his Pleaſure, which is the Purport and Effect of the ſaid Inſtructions.

'*Thirdly*, The Proprietary being reſtrained by Act of Parliament from intruſting his
'Powers of Government, and eſpecially the Negative upon Laws, with any Perſon, except
'ſuch as have given large Security in the Exchequer to obſerve Inſtructions from the
'Crown, and who ſhall firſt be approved of by his Majeſty: Such a Negative as the afore-
'ſaid Inſtructions puts in the Hands of the Council, upon the Governor and Aſſembly,
'cannot be granted without the King's Conſent, and is derogatory to the Royal Pre-
'rogative.

'Theſe being the Reaſons which render it unſafe for me to follow the literal Directions
'of the ſaid Inſtructions, I hope I cannot herein be juſtly charged with Diſreſpect or want
'of Care for the Intereſt of your Family, eſpecially when it is conſidered, that altho' the
'Council has not, during my Time, been poſſeſſed of a legal Power to put any Negative
'upon me, yet from my Condeſcenſion and continual Practice, they have tacitly enjoyed
'that Privilege, in ſo far as it will appear from the Records of that Board, that I have
'ſometimes laid aſide my own Opinion, even when it was ſupported with ſtrong Reaſons,
'only to fall in and agree with theirs; and until this Day it cannot, with any Truth, be
'alledged, that I ever proceeded in any material Point without the Advice of the Whole,
'and Conſent of a Majority: And this leads me to the other Part of your Letter, which
'relates to my Secretary, and Clerk of the Council.

'You will underſtand from what is above ſaid, that the preſent Council of this Pro-
'vince cannot legally be underſtood to be any other than a Council of State, to adviſe, and
'be preſent, as ſolemn Witneſſes of the Governor's Actions, whereby the Governor has a
'very great and weighty Burden upon himſelf, being ſolely accountable for whatſoever is done
'at the Council Board; and therefore it is incumbent upon him, not only to be very parti-
'cular in forming the Minutes or Records of his Proceedings, but alſo of their being fairly
'ingroſſed, and ſafely kept from any Hands who would dare to add unto, or falſify any Part
'of them: That Mr. *Logan* did ſo, about two Years ago, in a very material Point, with
'much Scurrility, and perſonal Abuſe offered therein to myſelf, he neither can nor doth de-
'ny. Surely then, Madam, when you have maturely conſidered, that an Affront of that
'Kind to the Governor ought to be reſented by the Proprietary's Family, it cannot with
'common Decency be expected that I ſhould depart from the natural Right that I have of
'appointing my own Secretary, and ſubmit to put thoſe Records which remain to juſtify
'my Character into the Hands of my inveterate and profeſſed Enemy.

'You may, when you pleaſe to enquire, be informed by Perſons indifferent, and of Un-
'derſtanding in theſe Affairs, that the Offices of the Governor's Secretary, Clerk of the
'Council, Naval-Officer, and Regiſter for the Probate of Wills, *&c.* muſt be wholly un-
'der the Direction and Power of the acting Governor for the Time being, becauſe he him-
'ſelf is by Law made accountable for his Deputies and Subſtitutes in all theſe Offices; ſo
'that neither the King nor the Proprietary can regularly put a Perſon into any of thoſe Of-
'fices but whom the Governor judges he can truſt and confide in.

'Had not Mr. *Logan* been poſſeſſed with the ſtrongeſt Paſſions and Prejudices againſt me,
'when he was laſt in *England*, he would have been aſhamed to have expoſed ſo much
'want of ſkill in the Affairs of Government, as appears by his Draught of theſe laſt In-
'ſtructions prepared for you to ſign; but Men are always apt to commit the greateſt Mi-
'ſtakes, when, Paſſion leading furiouſly on to a concealed and diſſembled Reſentment, they
'depend wholly upon their own Wiſdom; it is then that Hypocriſy paſſes for Moderation,

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'and a conceited Craft for good Policy. What elſe but this could have put it in Mr. *Logan*'s Head to adviſe you, Madam, to order the Seal, which every where is looked upon as the Enſign of Government, out of my Hands into his Poſſeſſion: That it was ſo before my Time, or which is the ſame Thing, that Mr. *Logan* exerciſed an abſolute and deſpotick Authority over my Predeceſſor, which is well known, rendered the Governor at that Time deſpicable in the Eyes of the People, is a very poor Argument to ſupport ſuch an extravagant Demand as this, which muſt extinguiſh all Authority in the Perſon of the Governor whenſoever it is complied with.

'Surely, Madam, if Mr. *Logan* had then entertained the leaſt Spark of peaceable Inclinations in his Mind, or had not wild Reſentment entirely ſtifled all Senſe of his Duty to your Service, he might eaſily have avoided this Piece of Extravagance, by repreſenting to you, that it was not proper for the Proprietary's Land-Office, which is diſtinct from the Civil Power, to depend upon the conſtant Uſe of a Seal, ſuppoſed to be at all Times, and every where, in the Governor's Poſſeſſion, and for the legal Uſe of which, he is perſonally accountable; and therefore he would have moved you, Madam, to give Directions, that a proper and convenient Seal might be ſtruck for that Office, diſtinct from all others, as indeed it ought to be, for the better Security both of the Proprietary's Intereſt, and the Peoples Rights, iſſuing from the ſaid Office, to their Lands.

'All the other Inſtructions which are contained in your Letter, except what is herein before remarked upon, have been uſually and conſtantly obſerved, and ſhall continue ſo to be while I have the Direction of the Civil Power in this Government; and you may depend upon it, Madam, as a fixt Reſolution with me, on this Occaſion, to lay aſide all Manner of Reſentment, even againſt Mr. *Logan*, and upon the Meeting of the next Aſſembly, which is at Hand, to labour whatſoever is in my Power, with the Aſſiſtance of ſome of your oldeſt and beſt Friends in the Council, to compoſe all Differences in Opinion, which may affect your Intereſt and Service, and to bring the Aſſembly and Council calmly to unite in the moſt proper Meaſures for promoting Virtue and Trade, and for preſerving the happy Tranquility which, God be praiſed, we now fully enjoy.

'I muſt eſteem it as a particular good Fortune, that I have the Opportunity of my great and worthy Friend Colonel *Spotſwood*, late Governor of *Virginia*, to convey this ſafely to your Hands; his known Merit and approved Skill in all Matters of Government, and the particular Services which, at *Albany*, and other Occaſions, he has rendered to this Province, will, I doubt not, prove to him a juſt Share of your Eſteem, with the Thanks which is due from all thoſe who are truly concerned in, and for the Intereſt of your Family.' I remain, with the moſt dutiful Reſpect,

Madam, your moſt faithful,

and moſt obedient humble Servant,

WILLIAM KEITH.

Sir WILLIAM KEITH's *ANSWER to* JOSHUA GEE's *Letter.*

Sir, *September* 24, 1724.

Sir *William Keith*'s Anſwer to *Joſhua Gee*'s Letter.

'BESIDES the Repreſentations which I have, by this Conveyance, ſent to the Family, and particularly to yourſelf, I was willing, by this ſmall Addition, to recommend to your Acquaintance and Friendſhip the worthy Bearer, and my honoured Friend Col. *Spotſwood*, who is fully appriſed of all our Matters, and is able to give you the greateſt Satisfaction and Light into all Sorts of *American* Affairs, which I know will be very acceptable to you. It is not long ſince I wrote to you a ſhort cautionary Hint, *via New-York*, under Mr. *Manley*'s Cover; I cannot ſay what may be the Event of theſe Proceedings at Home, nor from what Fountain or Motive it is that Mr. *Logan* is ſo poſitive to be ſupported in his extravagant Meaſures; but if the Profits of this Government be the Bait that is thrown at, I am apt to think it will not anſwer Expectation, at this Rate of driving in open Defiance of the Peoples Intereſt and ſtrong Inclination: For, firſt, you will pleaſe to conſider, that the Revenue here is the free Gift of the Peoples Repreſentatives to the acting Governor, which they judiciouſly augment, leſſen or withdraw annually, according to the Expence which they obſerve he has been at in their Service, and to the Eaſe and Satisfaction they receive from the Juſtice of his Adminiſtration. Moreover, although the Revenue granted in my Time has been larger than formerly, yet the Expence and Figure which the Colony has made, both at Home and Abroad, has been more than proportionably advanced; whereby the ſaving Profits, which may be ſuppoſed to have been applied to my Uſe, have not ariſen to ſo much as even thoſe of former Governors; and this Matter of Fact is ſo univerſally known among the People, that it will

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'be altogether in vain to endeavour to contradict ſo notorious a Truth. If ſo, then with great Submiſſion to your better Judgment, why ſhould that worthy Family be ſo eaſily perſwaded to charge me, in general Terms, with Mal-adminiſtration, without obliging my Accuſer to name or point at one or more of the Particulars which he would pretend to make out againſt me? Or which would have given great Light into this Matter, why does not the Family at once call for an authentick Copy of all the Minutes and Records of the Council, to ſatisfy themſelves, without much Trouble, what real Ground there is for charging me in general, and by Wholeſale, that I have acted all along without the Advice and Conſent of that Board? This you may be aſſured of, Sir, is ſo groſs a Falſhood and Untruth, that there is not one Member juſt now at the Board, but who utterly denies it, and diſclaim their having any Knowledge of the Accuſer's Meaſures or Intentions, which appear to them to be injurious to all Parties concerned, and even ſuch as the Majority of that Board can never ſubmit to. 1724-25. 12th Mo. 6.

'Your Son came hither laſt Week with Col. *Spotſwood* from *Annapolis*, and is returned towards *Virginia*, having deſired both Mr. *Spotſwood*'s Letters and mine to our Friends in that Colony: He has every where the Character of a moſt judicious, ſober Youth, and I heartily wiſh you all the Joy and Comfort in him imaginable; for I am, with much Eſteem, and great Reſpect, to your whole Family,'

Sir, Your much obliged,

and moſt obedient humble Servant,

WILLIAM KEITH.

To the Honourable Houſe of REPRESENTATIVES *for the Province of* Pennſylvania,

A MEMORIAL from JAMES LOGAN, *in Behalf of the Proprietary's Family, and of himſelf, Servant to the ſaid Family.*

A Memorial from *James Logan*, in Behalf of the Proprietary's Family, and himſelf.

FINDING this honourable Houſe has under Conſideration, certain private Inſtructions from the late Proprietary's Widow and Executrix, Mrs. *Penn*, to our Governor, Sir *William Keith*, which he, by an unprecedented Conduct, has thought fit to lay before the Houſe, in order (as it appears) to obtain their Concurrence with his Sentiments, that he ought not to obſerve them; and that Endeavours have been uſed to lead the Houſe into an Opinion, that Part of thoſe Inſtructions is inconſiſtent with ſome Privileges granted to the People by Charter; I muſt, in Behalf of Mrs. *Penn*, and that honourable Family (ſince they are deſtitute of that Perſon's Aſſiſtance, who, above all others, ought to appear for them) beg Leave to aſſure the Houſe, that neither Mrs. *Penn* herſelf, nor the Truſtees, who joined with her, nor any of thoſe with whom ſhe adviſed, could believe, that any Thing contained in thoſe Inſtructions was in any Degree inconſiſtent, or interfered with any Privilege whatſoever that the People of this Province of Right could claim; for that worthy Gentlewoman, in particular, was bred up in ſuch Principles, and ever had ſo ſincere a Regard to Juſtice and Honour, that no Conſideration could tempt her, nor any Perſon be more averſe to any Thing of that Kind.

And as this Province, notwithſtanding the great Ingratitude of ſome Particulars, muſt ever lie under the deepeſt Obligations to that great Man, the firſt Founder of it, and the Original, under the King, of all the ſpecial Privileges that can be claimed by the People, it may reaſonably be expected, by his Family, that the Houſe of Repreſentatives will uſe the utmoſt Caution and Tenderneſs in judging of an Affair that may, upon a cloſe and ſtrict Enquiry, be found vaſtly different from what ſome, from either Intereſt or Inclination, have laboured to repreſent it.

And as this Houſe, on the one Hand, are properly the Guardians of all the Peoples Rights, and therefore are under the ſtricteſt Obligations of Juſtice to take Care that there be no Infraction made on any Privilege that belongs to them; ſo, on the other, it muſt be owned, that the ſame Juſtice requires an equal Caution, that nothing be claimed or inſiſted on as a Privilege but what has been truly granted; and that the Wiſdom of the Houſe will never ſuffer Notions, infuſed into the Populace by deſigning Men, nor any Pretences or Calls from ſuch Grounds, to be a Rule of their Proceedings, further than thoſe Notions have Truth, Juſtice, and clear Right of their Side.

Upon theſe Foundations therefore, I, with all due Submiſſion to the Houſe, crave Leave to propoſe ſome Conſiderations that may tend effectually to ſettle thoſe Points beyond Diſpute; and in the firſt Place to ſtate the Caſe as it truly is, which I ſhall endeavour as follows.

The Part of thoſe Inſtructions which the Governor thought moſt proper for the Houſe's Notice, and which they will think chiefly concerns them, is, in all Probability, that which

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requires the Governor " to make no Speech, nor ſend any written Meſſage to the Aſſembly, " but what ſhall firſt be approved in Council, nor paſs any Law without the Conſent of " a Majority of the ſame."

Now to determine whether theſe Reſtrictions interfere with the Rights of the People, as granted by Charter, I humbly conceive it will be neceſſary to enquire ſtrictly and impartially what has been really granted.

The Royal Charter from King CHARLES II. to the Proprietary, grants to him and his Heirs, and to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, full Power to enact Laws, by and with the Advice, Aſſent and Approbation, of the Freemen of the Province, or of the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, to be aſſembled by the Proprietary and his Heirs, in ſuch Sort and Form as to him and them ſhould ſeem beſt.

By Virtue of theſe Powers the Proprietary, who had particularly diſtinguiſhed himſelf as an Aſſerter of the Peoples Rights, after his firſt Arrival here, to ſecure to thoſe of this Province, and the Counties then joined with it, a perpetual Right of meeting without depending upon Writs, in *April*, 1683, granted them a Charter, by which he appointed that a Council by Rotation, and an annual Aſſembly, ſhould be choſen, and in theſe, with himſelf or Deputies, the Powers of Legiſlation were lodged.

Some Changes having happened in Government, in the Proprietary's Abſence, by Means of the King's and Queen's Commiſſion to Col. *Fletcher*, upon his next Arrival the Aſſembly, in *May*, 1700, much contrary to the Proprietary's Inclinations, abſolutely reſigned the ſaid Charter without any Conditions, deſiring to be governed as the other Colonies were.

The Proprietary however, upon this Reſignation, without any Solicitation from the Aſſembly, promiſed them another Charter, but they appeared altogether regardleſs of it; and therefore that Year, and the next, during the Proprietary's Stay in the Country, Aſſemblies were choſen by Writs, a Council was appointed by the Proprietary, and with theſe he reenacted moſt of the former Laws, and other new Ones were made.

In *October*, 1701, when the Proprietary was under a great Preſſure of Affairs, upon his departing with his Family for *England*, a Charter was drawn up, in which there was no Council eſtabliſhed; this gave him an Uneaſineſs, for all his Conduct from the firſt Grant of the King's Letters Patent, as well in his firſt Commiſſions of Government, ſent over hither with Col. *Markham*, in the Year 1681, and in all the Schemes he drew, as his own continual Practice on all Occaſions, with his Diſcourſes on that Subject, fully ſhew'd his Sentiments, that no Governor ought to act, in any publick Affair of Importance, without the Aſſiſtance of a Council; nor could he believe it conſiſtent with the Publick Security, that every new Aſſembly, annually choſen, and moſtly conſiſting of Country Men, however well diſpoſed, ſhould, without the further Aſſiſtance of ſuch a Board (who being, for the moſt Part, of a longer Standing, are therefore better acquainted with Publick Buſineſs) be inveſted with the whole Power of making Laws with the Governor; or that a Governor ſhould be left to himſelf to conſider what Bills prepared by Aſſembly were fit to be paſſed, or whether they required Amendments, and how theſe were to be made; all which I mention here, not only becauſe it conſiſts with my own Knowledge, but principally becauſe it conduces to explain another following Part in this Paper; but the Proprietary was preſſed in Time, and could not apply ſo much as might be neceſſary to ſettle that Affair in the Charter; he therefore reſolved to ſupply the Defect in another Manner, as will appear hereafter, and altering the Draught in ſome Things, concluded ſo to leave it for the preſent, in Expectation of a better Opportunity at his Return, intending, if poſſible, to end his Days here, and then he executed it as we now have it: And the Grants that are made in it, are to be conſidered as they at preſent ſtand confirmed, of which thoſe reſpecting Legiſlation are only two, *viz.* The ſecond and the fourth Paragraphs, the firſt of which, ſo far as it relates to the Point in Hand, is in theſe Terms: " *Secondly*, for the well governing of this Province and " Territories, there ſhall be a yearly Aſſembly choſen by the Freemen thereof, to conſiſt of " four Perſons out of each County, of moſt Note for Virtue, Wiſdom and Ability (or of " a greater Number at any Time as the Governor and Aſſembly ſhall agree) upon the firſt " Day of *October*, and ſhall ſit on the 14th Day of the ſame Month at *Philadelphia*, unleſs " the Governor and Council, for the Time being, ſhall ſee Cauſe to appoint another Place " in the ſaid Province or Territories; which Aſſembly ſhall have Power to chooſe a Speaker, " and other their Officers, and ſhall be Judges of the Qualifications and Elections of their " own Members, ſit upon their own Adjournments, appoint Committees, prepare Bills to " paſs into Laws, impeach Criminals, and redreſs Grievances, and ſhall have all other " Powers and Privileges of an Aſſembly, according to the Rights of the Freeborn Subjects " of *England*, and as is uſual in the King's Plantations in *America*." And this was the grand Privilege that ſeemed principally deſired by thoſe who craved a Charter; that, without depending on the Pleaſure of every Governor, the People might have a Right to chooſe their Repreſentatives, and thoſe Repreſentatives a Right to meet without a Writ or other Direction; but beſides this there are divers others that largely prove the Proprietary's Tenderneſs and Affection to the People.

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The fourth Paragraph is, " That the Laws of this Government ſhall be in this Stile, *viz.* " [By the Governor, with the Conſent and Approbation of the Freemen in General Aſſembly met] and ſhall be, after Confirmation by the Governor, forthwith recorded in the " Rolls-Office, and kept at *Philadelphia*, unleſs the Governor and Aſſembly ſhall agree to " appoint another Place." 1724-25. 12th Mo. 6.

Now 'tis from the Words of thoſe two Paragraphs alone, that any Privileges in Legiſlation can be claimed as granted by that Charter; but the firſt of them only grants an annual Aſſembly, with their ſeveral Powers, and amongſt the reſt, that of preparing Bills to paſs into Laws, which is all it contains relating to this Point, and is no more than is common to all other Aſſemblies; and the whole is explained by thoſe cloſing Words, *According to the Rights of the Freeborn Subjects of* England, *and as is uſual in the King's Plantations in* America; but there is no ſuch Privilege known in *England*, or any other of the Plantations, as is here claimed; and therefore nothing in this Paragraph makes at all for the Purpoſe.

The next alſo, has no other Grant in it than to direct the Stile of the Laws: And that after Confirmation, they ſhall be recorded and kept at *Philadelphia*, unleſs, *&c.*

Now ſeeing theſe are the only Grants in the Charter that have any Relation to the making of Laws, and that neither of them grants any Thing with which the Reſtrictions upon the Governor in any Meaſure interferes, it can never be properly ſaid, that theſe Reſtrictions are contrary to any Privileges granted to the People by this Charter.

But it will be argued, that, from the Words of the Stile, it may rationally be inferred, that it was intended our Laws ſhould be made in a Method conſiſtent with that Stile; that is, by the Governor, with the Conſent and Approbation of the Freemen in General Aſſembly met; but this is by Inference only, and all Men of any Skill in thoſe Affairs, very well know, that an Inference is no Grant. It will notwithſtanding be readily acknowledged, that this was the Proprietary's Intention in that Charter; but at the ſame Time it ought alſo to be obſerved with what Caution that Intention is expreſſed, for there is no direct Grant of it but by Implication only. There is not one Word in the whole Charter that directs the Manner of paſſing Bills into Laws, it is expreſs, and abſolutely grants the Aſſembly a Power to prepare Bills, but without any Reſtriction to forbid the Preparing of any elſewhere: And what is yet more remarkable in the Direction of the Stile, the Word *Advice* is left out, tho' commonly uſed in all Acts of Parliament, and in Acts of Aſſembly in other Places. All which clearly ſhews, that the Proprietary's Intention in that Charter, was neither to bind up himſelf nor Lieutenants from adviſing and conſulting with others in Legiſlation. It alſo further ſhews his Reſolution to guard, in the Language of the Charter, againſt thoſe who, a little before that Time, had ſtarted up in Oppoſition to him and his Intereſt, and ſought to turn his kindeſt Grants of Favour to ſerve the unkindeſt Purpoſes againſt him, that they might from thence have no Manner of juſt Pretence againſt his further Proceedings, in taking the beſt Precaution he could, for his and the Country's Security during his Abſence.

And in order to this, he immediately, by Letters Patent under the Great-Seal, bearing even Date with the Charter, *viz.* the 28th of *October*, 1701, eſtabliſhed a Council, *To conſult and aſſiſt the Proprietary himſelf, or his Lieutenants or Deputies, with the beſt of their Advice and Counſel, in all publick Affairs and Matters relating to the Government, and to the Peace, Well-being and Safety, of the People thereof; and in the Abſence of the Proprietary and Lieutenants, or upon the Lieutenant's Death or Incapacity, to exerciſe all and ſingular the Powers of Government*, &c. And tho' he was then about to leave, in the Lieutenancy, a Gentleman of known Honour, Sincerity and Integrity, *viz.* Colonel *Andrew Hamilton*, yet he obliged him by his Inſtructions, as he afterwards did the ſucceeding Governors, Colonel *Evans*, and Colonel *Gookin*, to act in all Things of Moment, relating to the Publick (and ſurely none will exclude Legiſlation from that Liſt) by the Advice and Approbation of the Council, which thoſe Gentlemen, in theſe Points, as ſtrictly obſerved. And the preſent Governor may remember, that he not only received the like Inſtructions with his Commiſſion, but for ſome Reaſons, beſt known to thoſe who required it, was obliged, in the Penalty of *One Thouſand Pounds Sterling*, to obſerve them; and to leave the leſs Room for Diſpute, they were alſo put upon Record at his firſt Arrival; which I mention, only becauſe theſe Precautions are the firſt of the Kind I have known. Purſuant to theſe Inſtructions, the former Governors did nothing of any Moment with any Aſſembly, but by the Advice, or with the Approbation, of the Council. The Governor's Speeches being of the greateſt Importance, as they are (or ſhould be) a Directory to the Aſſembly, were agreed on, and approved at the Board: And in the ſame Manner all Meſſages, of ſufficient Moment to be committed to Writing, were entered on the Minutes; and if the Council were ſitting, all the Houſe's Meſſages were delivered there; all Bills from the Houſe were referred, by the Governor, to the Council to be conſidered, and Amendments propoſed as there was Occaſion; and when the Houſe happened to differ in Sentiments from the Governor and Council, ſo far as that the Matter could not be adjuſted by Meſſages, Committees were appointed, and Conferences held; which generally had a very good and amicable Iſſue.

1724-25. 12*th Mo.* 6. Thus the Crown, Proprietary and Country, had a greater Security, the Governors had a proper Aſſiſtance, and the Repreſentatives this Advantage, that, not only their Draughts were ſometimes improved, and their Bills more cloſely and ſtrictly conſidered, but were often better adapted to anſwer their Intentions for the general Good of the Publick: And by theſe Means, the Defect which is found in this Colony alone, and in no other of the King's Dominions, of having no Legiſlative Council, was ſo far ſupplied, that, in a very great Meaſure, it anſwered the Intention of ſuch a Council, as appointed in other Places. And all this was not only by the Direction of the Proprietary, who granted the Charter, and beſt knew his own Mind in it, but was approved by the ableſt Judges; for *R. Mompeſſon*, among others, during his Reſidence here, was of the Council, and as ſuch engaged in the Conferences that have been mentioned; only ſome of thoſe Perſons who have already been hinted, when they became able, by ſpecious Pretences, to betray ſome honeſt Men into their Meaſures, thought fit to object to it, at a certain Time, when the Word *Privileges* was artfully wrought up to ſuch a Value, that, to obtain ſome ſtrange and unknown Things, on which that Name was impreſſed, the good People of the Province were debarred of that great and well known Privilege of common Juſtice from the Courts, which, by Means of thoſe Perſons, were ſhut up, at one Time, for about three Terms together; and when, by referring the Lieutenant Governor to the Proprietary's Quitrents for his Support, there was more Money ſpent to the Country, in denying that Support, and in Contention, than would have ſatisfied his Deſires; but all theſe Extravagancies were happily laid aſleep, in Appearance, for about ſeven Years together, before the preſent honourable Governor's Acceſſion; yet we find that Spirit died not, but, tho' latent, ſtill lived, to watch every Glimmering of Hope of an Oppoſition to the Proprietary's Intereſt, which, on the leaſt Appearance, is carefully attended by ſome of the ſame Perſons, and as ſmoothly and artfully fomented, and if not guarded againſt with Caution, may be again blown up into another Flame.

But it would be unjuſt to omit a particular Conveniency to the Publick that attended the Method formerly practiſed here, *viz.* It happens, not unfrequently, that Aſſemblies preſent Bills to the Governor which conſiſt not with his private Judgment to paſs, though believed by the Houſe to be for the Utility of the Publick; in ſuch Caſes, while the Governor thought himſelf obliged to adviſe with the Council, the Matter has ſometimes been debated at that Board with ſuch an Iſſue as prevented all further Trouble to the Aſſembly; or if it appeared that the Sentiments on either Side ran too high, the Council had the beſt Opportunity of mediating in ſuch Difficulties, and either at the Board, or by Conference, to perſwade the one or other to ſuch proper Condeſcenſions as appeared, upon the whole, to be moſt agreeable to Reaſon; and that this has ſometimes been the Caſe (tho' not of late Years, for Reaſons that are obvious) Repreſentatives of a longer Standing may very well remember.

Thus the Privileges granted by the Proprietary's Charter to the People have been conſidered, both from the Intention of the Grantor, and the Words of the Grants themſelves, which are all the known Methods by which they can be inquired into; and from theſe it ſeems to be plain, that the Proprietary never intended to bind himſelf, nor ever in Fact did bind himſelf up from a Right to lay his Deputy or Lieutenant under Reſtrictions in Legiſlation; and ſurely none could be more eaſy, more ſafe or honourable, than to refer the Governor to the Approbation of a Board, conſiſting of Inhabitants of the Colony, who muſt be allowed to have at leaſt as large an Intereſt in it, generally ſpeaking, as the like Number of any other whatſoever, and therefore have Reaſon to lay the Good of the Publick, and its true Intereſt, as cloſe to Heart as any other that can be named.

I would not preſume to take up the Houſe's Time, in inquiring what Privilege it can be to the People to have their Laws paſſed without the Approbation of ſuch a Council, choſen from among themſelves: Somebody, we find, has beſtowed the Word Privilege upon it; and tho', to every Man, who will conſider the Caution that is neceſſary, and always practiſed elſewhere, in the Making of Laws, it will appear an Inſecurity and Inconveniency, rather than a Benefit; yet, as it hath been named a Privilege, ſome without Doors, who love the Sound of the Word, without caring to underſtand it, muſt believe it worth contending for; but upon Occaſion of the extraordinary Endeavours that have very lately been uſed to impoſe on the Underſtandings of thoſe, who will ſuffer it, I muſt beg Leave of the Houſe to obſerve, that it certainly requires a great Dexterity and Skill in popular Addreſs, to perſwade Men, that to uſe a Council, and to lay a Governor under the Reſtrictions of taking their Advice, is a Mark of tyrannical Government, and that 'tis the Effect only of a reſtleſs Ambition to deſire it, for that the more Power is lodged in one ſingle Perſon, the ſafer will the People be in the Enjoyment of their Liberties: A Contradiction to common Senſe, ſo palpably groſs, that it is truly ſurprizing; and yet, by ſuch Arts, have ſome Kingdoms, within leſs than a Century of Years laſt paſt, been changed from a State of the greateſt Freedom, into the moſt abſolute and arbitrary Government. *Britain* is now almoſt the only remaining Kingdom that enjoys the ancient perfect State of Liberty, with which other Countries were formerly bleſſed, till politick Arts, and the Contrivances of Men truly ambitious and deſigning, ſubverted thoſe Liberties, and betrayed the un-

unhappy Subjects into the Power of one Perſon, whoſe abſolute Will became the only Rule of his Government, and his Pleaſure the only Standard of all their Laws, and Meaſure of their Obedience. 'Tis therefore in *Britain*, above all others, where no Statute can bind the Subject, but what has been paſſed by the King, and by both the Houſe of Lords and Houſe of Commons. Nor does the Sovereign any Act of State whatſoever (as we are aſſured) without the Advice of his Privy Council, where the Matter requires any Deliberation. 1724-25. 12th Mo. 6.

From this happy Conſtitution, and great Plan, it is, that all the Governments of the King's Plantations, beſides this alone, are modelled; for in them the Council Board is appointed to bear the ſame Reſemblance, both to the Houſe of Lords and Privy Council, that the Aſſembly does to the Houſe of Commons; but it ſeems now to be contended for as a Privilege here, that we may be the only Exception, and in this unlike our Mother Country.

It requires however no great Penetration to diſcover whoſe Intereſt it is to be free from all Reſtrictions, and that the only Buſineſs of a Council (ſeeing the Laws require one) ſhould be to meet as Witneſſes (which has ſometimes been the Caſe) that the Governor might bring his Proceedings upon the Minutes as a Record.

In the Plantations immediately under the Crown, where the King has taken Care of his Subjects, his Inſtructions are very particular; and in *Virginia* (as a Perſon who had the beſt Reaſon to know, not long ſince informed me) the Governor cannot ſo much as turn out a Juſtice of Peace, without Advice of the Council, which, thoſe who contend for the great Privilege of more Power to the Governor, may have the Satisfaction to know, is, on more eaſy Terms, practicable here.

But whatever Conveniency ſome may reap from ſuch an Exemption, 'tis manifeſt, that it is inconſiſtent with the Security of the Proprietary, from or through whom all Powers in Government, and all particular Privileges, while the King's Charter ſubſiſts, muſt be derived, that his Lieutenant ſhould be under no Reſtrictions: When preſent himſelf, he had an undoubted Power to reject any Bill that he could not approve of; and common Juſtice will allow him the Right to guard that no other than ſuch ſhould paſs in his Abſence; yet tho' other Proprietaries have reſerved to themſelves a Negative upon all Laws, tho' paſſed in all the Forms by the Lieutenant Governor, Council and Aſſembly, in the Country, he thought fit, in his Indulgence, to make no other Reſervation, than to require that the Governor ſhould not paſs any Act againſt the Opinion of a Council, conſiſting of Inhabitants of the Colony; and that in all Matters, relating to the Aſſembly and Legiſlation, theſe ſhould be conſulted. This is the whole that any Governor has been obliged to on the Proprietary's Part; and this is the Sum of that Part of the late Inſtructions that have by ſome been ſo frightfully repreſented, without Doors, to the People; nor is the Governor, as has been untruly ſuggeſted, required by them to do any Act, or to concur in any Thing, contrary to his own Inclination or Judgment.

Now if the Proprietary cannot have even ſo ſlender a Security, he has certainly been under greater Diſadvantages than happens to any other Perſon, who has a Right to make one Side of every Agreement he is concerned in. No Aſſembly, it is ſuppoſed, were ever of Opinion, that what they among themſelves ſhould agree upon, ought, immediately, to be a Law, without any other Concurrence: But if the Governor is to be laid under no other Rule than that of his own Will, and particular Intereſt, it may ſometimes happen, that the Proprietary would be at leaſt as ſafe in having the whole Power of Legiſlation, in his Abſence, lodged in an Aſſembly only.

But it has been alledged, I hear, that, by the King's Charter to the Proprietary, the Delegates of the Freemen only are to be adviſed with in Legiſlation, and that the Proprietary's Deputy or Lieutenant is, by that Charter, inveſted with the whole Powers of Government, in all Caſes, that the Proprietary himſelf could exerciſe, were he preſent; and therefore, that he has no Right to lay his Lieutenant under any Reſtrictions.

Upon the firſt of theſe, I ſhall crave Leave to obſerve, that it is impoſſible that ſhould have been the King's Intention in the Grant; becauſe we find that all our Kings, in all their Plantations Abroad, and at all Times, ſaving the Space of a Year or two (which there is at preſent no Occaſion to remember) have as ſtrictly as was poſſible, obſerved the Conſtitution of *England* in eſtabliſhing their Governments; in all which there are Councils duly appointed: Beſides, that by the ſame Charter, there is granted a very large Power of making Ordinances, with the Aſſiſtance of other Perſons, than any ſuch Delegates of the People. And to the latter Allegation, that the Lieutenant Governors are not liable to any Reſtrictions; I muſt ſay, if that were truly the Caſe, ſeeing the Proprietary, in his Abſence, never received one Penny to himſelf or Family from the Government, tho' others have had large Sums, it would be much more eligible and ſafe for the Proprietary, when he could not perſonally reſide in the Province, to diveſt himſelf of the Government, and reſign it to the King, under whom, he might be ſure of ſuch Orders, which muſt then be neceſſarily obey'd (tho' his own might not) as would effectually ſecure him againſt all Infractions on his Proprietary Rights: But that a Principal, who has a real Intereſt, ſhould not have a Right to limit

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his Deputy, is ſo inconſiſtent with Reaſon and common Juſtice, that to repeat it, is ſufficient to refute it; or if any can doubt it, let them ſuppoſe themſelves the Principal, and it will immediately be reſolved.

But it is further alledged by ſome Inſtruments, that there is at preſent no Proprietary of this Province; and that Mrs *Penn* had no Right or Power to give ſuch Inſtructions: If ſo, it is worth neither the Governor's nor Aſſembly's Time to conſider them, and it is all loſt that is ſpent about them: But I muſt beg thoſe Perſons Excuſe; the whole Intereſt, both of Property and Government, is in the Family; and Mrs. *Penn* was thought the Perſon who had the beſt Right to put the Governor in Mind of what was expected of him, and of the Terms on which he ſtood.

There has, 'tis true, been ſome Diſpute in the Family, which 'tis hoped by this Time is, or ſhortly will be, fully at an End; I have however in all this Paper conſidered the late Propretary's Right, as it was in his Life-time, as alſo that of the preſent, on the ſame Foot as if the Perſon were as much indiſputed as ever.

And now the Copiouſneſs of the Subject having led me into an unexpected Length, I ſhall crave the Liberty to ſum up the Caſe in a few ſhort Heads, which, with Submiſſion, I think may be rationally and modeſtly deduced from what has been here offered to the Houſe's Conſideration, *viz.*

Firſt, That it clearly appears the Proprietary, in whom the Powers of Government, and Right of eſtabliſhing our Conſtitution, were primarily lodged, never intended that his Lieutenant ſhould act in Legiſlation, or paſs any Laws, without the Advice and Approbation of a Council.

Secondly, That it does not clearly appear, that, in the Proprietary's Charter of Privileges, dated the 28th of *October*, 1701, there is any poſitive Grant, with which his requiring his Lieutenants not to act, without ſuch Advice in Legiſlation, is inconſiſtent.

Thirdly, That it does not clearly appear, that King CHARLES II. ever intended, by any Thing contained in his royal Letters-Patent to the Proprietary, to abridge him and his Heirs of laying their Lieutenants under ſuch Reſtrictions.

To which, I crave Leave to add,

Fourthly, That it does not clearly appear, that it is inconſiſtent with the true Intereſt and real Privilege of the People of this Province, that the Governor ſhould be obliged to act in Legiſlation, and in all other publick Affairs, with the Advice of the Council.

Fifthly, But that it clearly appears, that ſuch an Obligation upon the Governor, is more conſiſtent with an *Engliſh* Conſtitution than the contrary.

Now, as there have been different Opinions concerning ſome of theſe Heads, and we find them made uſe of to alarm the People, and to rouſe Contention, upon Views I ſhall mention no farther here, in order to cut off the Occaſion, and effectually to prevent all ſuch Deſigns for ever hereafter, I humbly propoſe, that the Caſe may be fairly and impartially ſtated, from all the Grants that can be pleaded, and be referred to ſome of the King's learned Counſel in the Law, which, in Behalf of the Proprietary's Family, I will engage ſhall be done without any Charge to the Country; and if, upon the Reſolution of ſuch Counſel, it ſhall appear, that the Proprietary had no Right to oblige his Lieutenant to act in Legiſlation, by the Advice of a Council Board, in the Manner he ever directed (for the late Inſtructions have nothing new in them, further than that from the preſent Governor's Meaſures they were thought neceſſary to be drawn more expreſſive and particular) I ſhall in that Caſe undertake, in Behalf of Mrs. *Penn*, and all the Proprietary's Family, to aſſure the Houſe, that theſe Inſtructions, with all others of that Kind, will be effectually revoked, and made void; but in the mean time the Houſe will clearly ſee, that without any Lett or Interruption from thence, they may ſafely proceed upon the Buſineſs before them.

Thus, having gone fully through all that appears at this Time convenient to be ſaid upon that Part of the Inſtructions, which the Repreſentatives may think principally concerns them, I ſhall wave all the reſt, not being ſo ſolicitous for any Thing relating to myſelf, as to give the Houſe the leaſt Trouble about it; only in Juſtice to the Country, I muſt obſerve, that the Detention of the Leſſer Seal from the Commiſſioners of Property (who ever, till of late, had the free and indiſputable Uſe of it, without applying to the Governor to affix it) proves an Injury to divers, who ought to have Warrants.

And now to conclude, I ſhall make my humble Application to this honourable Houſe, that as they have given publick Aſſurance of their Reſolution to ſuppreſs all unjuſt Murmurs and Diſcontent, they would be further pleaſed, in their Wiſdom, to conſider of ſuch Meaſures as may be moſt effectual to remove the falſe Impreſſions that have been induſtriouſly given to the Inhabitants, eſpecially in this populous City, by unjuſt Surmiſes drawn from thoſe Inſtructions, that all groundleſs Alarms may be quaſhed, the Publick Peace preſerved and ſtrengthened, and the Reputation of the Province guarded and advanced, with a due Deference to that honourable Family, to which this Province will for ever ſtand engaged; in all which they ſhall ever have the ſincereſt good Wiſhes of, the Houſe's moſt faithful Friend, and Servant,

Philadelphia, Feb. 2, 1724, *JAMES LOGAN.*

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To the Honourable the SPEAKER *of the Houſe of* REPRESENTATIVES.

Sir, *Philadelphia, Feb.* 2, 1724-25.

'I AM much averſe to trouble the Houſe with any Papers, except what is abſolutely 'neceſſary for their clear Information upon the Subject of their preſent Deliberations; 'but having occaſionally heard, that Mr. *James Logan* has communicated to them a certain 'Paper, formerly directed and delivered to me, in Defence of the Council's Pretenſions to 'a Negative upon our Legiſlature, I have here incloſed an exact Copy of the Minute of 'Council, the Remonſtrance, and my Obſervations by way of Anſwer to it at the Time, 'whereby yourſelf, and others, whom you think fit, may, at your Leiſure, compare it 'with what Mr. *Logan* has now laid before the Houſe; and as you will find my Sentiments 'of the Conſtitution of this Province, to be the very ſame now which they were ſeven 'Years ago, at the very Beginning of my Adminiſtration; ſo I doubt not but you will ob-'ſerve how very differently that learned Gentleman repreſents the ſame Things, when he 'ſpeaks as a Member of the Council, and when he dictates as a Judge from the Bench 'in his late printed Charge, and moſt elaborate Harangue, to the Grand Jury of this City 'and County.' I am, with much Reſpect,

Sir, your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM KEITH.

At a COUNCIL *held at* Philadelphia, *the* 22*d of* February, 1717-18.

PRESENT,

The Honourable WILLIAM KEITH, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor,

Richard Hill, *Jonathan Dickinſon*,
Iſaac Norris, *Anthony Palmer*,
Samuel Preſton, *Robert Aſheton*,
James Logan, Secretary.

AN Act for the more effectual raiſing County Levies, was read; and a Debate ariſing about paſſing of the Bill as it now ſtands, the Governor deſired that ſuch Gentlemen, at the Board, who had any ſubſtantial Objections againſt the Paſſing of this Bill, might either now enter their Diſſent, with their Reaſons, on the Minutes, or afterwards to extend their Reaſons as they think fit; and if the Governor ſhall happen to find himſelf under any Neceſſity of paſſing this, or any other Bill, contrary to the Majority of Opinions at this Board, he declared, that in ſuch Caſe he would likewiſe inſert his Reaſons for ſo doing in the Minutes of Council.

Poſt Meridiem.

PRESENT,

The Honourable *William Keith*, Eſq; Lieutenant Governor,

Richard Hill, *Jonathan Dickinſon*,
Iſaac Norris, *Anthony Palmer*,
Samuel Preſton, *Robert Aſheton*,
James Logan, Secretary.

THE Governor having read two ingroſſed Bills from the Aſſembly, *viz. An Act for building Work-houſes and Houſes of Correction in each County of this Province*; alſo, *An Act for eſtabliſhing new Ferries over* Delaware *River*, *from* Philadelphia *to* Weſt-Jerſey; it was moved that they ſhould be read for the Members of Council to obſerve upon them, and ſpeak to them, as has been done to other ingroſſed Bills; for that the Houſe of Aſſembly now expected the Governor to ſend for them, in order to paſs ſuch Bills as had already been ſubjected to the Governor's Amendments, and were finiſhed by the Houſe.

Several Members ſtood up, and after having declared their Diſſatisfaction that ſo ſhort Time was given for them to offer ſuch Amendments as they conceived were neceſſary to ſeveral Bills of Importance, they deſired Leave to withdraw, leſt their Preſence, if ſuch Bills ſhould be paſt without further Amendments, might be underſtood to carry their Aſſent along with it.

The Governor then put the Queſtion, Remain or Withdraw.

Remained,	Withdrew,
Samuel Preſton,	*Richard Hill*,
Anthony Palmer,	*Iſaac Norris*,
Robert Aſheton.	*Jonathan Dickinſon*,
	James Logan, Secretary.

1724-25. 12th Mo. 6. Then the Governor ſent Mr. *Aſheton* with a Meſſage to the Houſe, that he expected their Attendance, with their Speaker, immediately: The Houſe attended accordingly, and the Speaker preſented ſeveral Bills to the Governor, and in the Name of the Houſe deſired they might be paſſed into Laws.

The Governor looking upon the Bills, and obſerving they had not been ſigned by the Speaker as uſual, deſired that the Bills might be compleated by the Houſe, and ſigned byhe Speaker, before they were preſented in Form to him.

Then the Speaker ſigned each of the Bills, by Order of the Houſe, and preſented them to the Governor, who read each Title by itſelf, and ſo paſſed them into Laws.

REASONS given Governor KEITH, by ſome Members of Council, for leaving that Board the 22d of *February*, 1717-18.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Reaſons given Governor *Keith*, by ſome Members of Council, for leaving that Board.

THO' we were exceedingly grieved to find ourſelves obliged, on the Twenty-ſecond Inſtant, to deſire the Governor's Leave that we might withdraw from the Council Board, when the Laws then prepared by the Aſſembly were to be paſſed in Form; yet it now yields us ſome Satisfaction, that, by the Governor's own Direction, we have an Opportunity of rendering in Writing our Reaſons for that Proceeding, which, we hope, the Governor, in his Candor and excellent Judgment, will not only think ſufficient to juſtify us; but will alſo from thence be perſwaded, that the Meaſures which laid us under that Hardſhip, were ſuch as would be beſt avoided for the future.

We need not here remark, to ſo good a Judge, how ſacred a Part of Government Legiſlature has been juſtly accounted; what Caution ſhould be uſed in making of Laws; and what Care applied, that they be moſt ſeriouſly and deliberately conſidered before they receive their Sanction; nor how prudently it is guarded by the Conſtitution of Great-Britain; *or that the Crown has extended to all its* American *Plantations, more immediately under its Direction, the ſame Method that is practiſed in that great Kingdom,* viz. *That their Laws ſhould be enacted by the joint Conſent of a Governor, a ſtanding Council, and an elective Aſſembly, as in* Great-Britain *they are by the King, Lords and Commons; but we ſhall principally obſerve, that King* CHARLES II. *having, by his royal Letters Patent, granted, among other large Powers, that of Legiſlation to our Proprietary; he, at the firſt Settlement of this Colony, inſtituted alſo the ſame Method ſo far, as that the Concurrence both of a Council and Aſſembly was neceſſary to the Enacting of any Law, which he always, in that Caſe, made his own Practice; and when, by ſome unhappy Differences, the Proprietary found it neceſſary to omit the Council in the Charter of Government, granted at his laſt Departure, yet he ſupplied this by his Inſtructions to his Deputies, requiring them to do nothing of Moment in the Affairs of Government, without the Aſſent of the Council; and ſurely, if any Act of Government can be termed of Moment, the Paſſing of Laws muſt be accounted ſo; this has been the continued Practice of all our former Governors till thy Acceſſion; and it will not appear ſtrange, we believe, if we flattered ourſelves that ſuch an Innovation would not be made under thy Adminiſtration, which we muſt ſtill ſuppoſe was rather unhappily accidental than deſigned.*

As to ourſelves, we beg Leave to aſſure the Governor, that we neither are, nor ever ſhall be, anxious for any Honour or Reſpect to be derived to us from that Station.

But theſe following Conſiderations have a very great Weight with us; for when it is remembered how various the Diſpoſitions of Aſſemblies depending on annual Elections muſt prove, where a Latter is frequently choſen with a Spirit of Oppoſition to the Preceding; it is obvious how neceſſary a more ſteady Balance to theſe Changes in the Legiſlature will be found, which is ſo happily provided for by the Britiſh *Conſtitution both at Home and Abroad in the Plantations: We think it therefore incumbent on us, while in that Station, not only in Diſcharge of our Duty to the Publick, but even to ourſelves, as our Families and Eſtates are, in a great Meaſure, fixed to this Colony, to guard againſt any Infraction on a Method of ſuch Importance to the Security of the Whole; a Method that has generally been concurred with by all our paſt Aſſemblies, who have ſhewed an Inclination to promote the Peace, Eaſe and Welfare of their Country, by proper Meaſures; ſuch Aſſemblies have chearfully acted in Concert with the Cuncil; they have joined with their Committees, by the Governor's Appointment, as there has been Occaſion, and agreed or conferred about the Amendments propoſed to them, till the whole could be adjuſted to a more general Satisfaction; and this has been conceived to be no leſs for the Security of the Governor himſelf, than for that of the Country.*

It is true that ſome Aſſemblies, or ſome of their Members at leaſt, have endeavoured to keep up a Diſtance between themſelves and the Council, and have objected to the Council's being concerned in Legiſlation; but it is equally certain, that the People have reſented this, and afterwards have effectually ſhewn their Diſlike to ſuch Proceedings and Opinions; but further, if it were demanded of thoſe Perſons themſelves, when they happened to be paſſed by in the Elections, whether they would rather chooſe that the ſucceeding Aſſembly ſhould proceed to Legiſlation,

tion, without the Inſpection of the Council; and whether they would be beſt pleaſed that the Method they had contended for ſhould be tranſmitted to their Poſterity through all the Changes that might happen, we cannot believe but their Anſwers, if deliberately and ſeriouſly given, would convince even themſelves of their former Error. 1724-25. 12th Mo. 6.

It might require too much Time to ſpeak fully to the Governor's Apprehenſions which he was pleaſed to expreſs, leſt, if the Bills were not paſſed without any Delay, they might all be in Danger of miſcarrying: We ſhall only ſay, it gives us a deep Concern to think by what Means the Governor ſhould be laid under theſe Apprehenſions, which, we are perſwaded, would have appeared groundleſs, had he thought fit to proceed in the uſual Method, to have the Bills duly conſidered at the Board by Paragraphs, and ſuch Amendments propoſed to them as might then have appeared neceſſary.

We ſhould be extremely unfortunate with the Governor, could he believe that any Men in the Province are more deſirous than we, that a generous Support ſhould be raiſed for the Adminiſtration: We are acted by as hearty a Zeal for the Governor's juſt Intereſt as any in the Government, and we hope cannot be ſuſpected of the contrary; but for the Reaſons we have mentioned, we could not, in Juſtice, acquieſce in any Meaſures that would be a Precedent for laying aſide a Practice, that we conceive to be of ſo great Importance to the Publick Safety. When the firſt ſix Bills were laid before us, in the Afternoon of the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, we were acquainted, at the ſame Time, that the Aſſembly was to break up the next Day; we then propoſed, in that very ſhort Time, ſuch Amendments as occurred to us from one curſory Reading. Another very long Bill, of divers Sheets, was read once to us, in the Afternoon of the ſame Day they were to riſe, of which the Governor acknowledged he could not be a proper Judge; and two more were offered within Night, when the Aſſembly was expected to attend their Paſſing: Now, as it was impracticable, that our hearing of them read, at that Time, ſhould be of any Signification, and as the Attendance of the Council has been conſidered as a Mark of their Concurrence, we conceived the moſt decent and reſpectful Conduct, in Relation to the Governor, that we could uſe, was to deſire his Leave to withdraw; which he was pleaſed accordingly to grant us.

As we know the Sincerity of our own Hearts, and the Zeal and Affection we have always had for the Governor, and his juſt Intereſt, we hope he cannot be offended that we have acted herein as, according to the beſt of our Judgments, becomes us as honeſt Men; in which Character, we ſhall always be ready to ſhew ourſelves, with due Reſpect, the Governor's aſſured Well-wiſhers, and Friends,

Philadelphia, Feb. 27, 1717-18.

ISAAC NORRIS,
JAMES LOGAN,
RICHARD HILL,
JONATHAN DICKINSON.

Delivered to the Governor the Fifth of March, 1717-18.

The HEADS of the REMONSTRANCE, with Governor KEITH's OBSERVATIONS thereon, by way of ANSWER.

Remonſtrance. *THAT the Gentlemen were exceedingly grieved to find themſelves obliged to leave the Governor, and withdraw from the Council, on the Twenty-ſecond of February, when ſeveral Bills, which had been prepared by the Aſſembly, amended by the Governor, and obſerved upon by the Council, were to be paſſed into Laws.* The Heads of the Remonſtrance, with Governor *Keith*'s Obſervations thereon.

Obſervation. The Foundation of ſuch Grief, or the Obligation which is pretended to have been laid upon them to withdraw from their Duty in Council, does not appear.

Remon. *That the Opportunity which the Governor gave them of rendering, in Writing, the following Reaſons, which they think not only ſufficient to juſtify themſelves, but alſo to perſwade the Governor, that the Meaſures which laid them under the Hardſhip of leaving the Council, will be beſt avoided for the future, yielded them ſome Satisfaction.*

Obſer. It being an undiſputed and known Privilege at the Council Board, for any Member to have his Opinion, and the Reaſons of his Diſſent, entered, if he pleaſes, upon the Minutes, it ſeems to be uncertain whether the Gentlemens Satisfaction proceeded more from the Aſſumption that their Reaſons were ſufficient to convince the Governor, or from the Meaſures which they had concerted to ſupport their own Sentiments.

Remon. *This Paragraph inſtructs us, that Legiſlature is juſtly accounted a ſacred Part of Government.*

Obſer. It is preſumed that the Word Sacred is not meant to infer that human Legiſlators are *Jure Divino*, or that every Man who may perhaps, with good Underſtanding, conceive himſelf to be well qualified for Legiſlation in Society, is therefore, without any other Authority, entitled thereto.

Remon.

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Remon. *That Caution ſhould be uſed in making of Laws.*

Obſer. Good Advice to Law-makers.

Remon. *That Laws ought to be ſeriouſly conſidered before their Sanction.*

Obſer. Moſt certainly.

Remon. *That* Great-Britain *has prudently extended its Conſtitution to all the Colonies in* America, *immediately under the Crown*, viz. *Their Laws are enacted by the joint Conſent of a Governor, a ſtanding Council, and an elective Aſſembly, in Imitation of King, Lords and Commons.*

Obſer. It is to be wiſhed that this Colony was as forward to imitate the Conſtitution of *Great-Britain* as others are; or that the Crown would pleaſe to interpoſe, and take the ſame Care of us as of them: But as to the Similitude of King, Lords and Commons, it cannot, I conceive, be juſtly applied to any Governor, Council and Aſſembly, under the King's Dominion in *America*.

Remon. *Then it is principally obſerved, that the Powers of Legiſlation were granted to the Proprietary by King* CHARLES *the Second's Letters Patent.*

Obſer. Vide Letters Patent, Paragraph fifth, where the ſaid Powers are granted to the Proprietary and his Heirs, and to their Deputies or Lieutenants, by and with the Advice and Approbation of the Freemen or their Delegates, but not one Word of any other Counſel or Advice in the whole Grant.

Remon. *That at the firſt Settlement of this Colony, the Proprietary inſtituted a Method, or at leaſt it was his own Practice, to make the Concurrence of a Council neceſſary for the Enacting of any Law; but that at the Proprietary's laſt Departure, that is, after ſome Experience, he found it neceſſary to reject this Method, or Practice, and therefore omitted naming the Council in his Charter of Government; which Omiſſion, nevertheleſs, as it is ſaid, he afterwards ſupplied by Inſtructions to his Deputies, not to do any Thing of Moment without the Aſſent of the Council; but the Enacting of Laws is certainly of great Moment, wherefore they cannot paſs without the Aſſent of the Council.*

Obſer. This Sentence ſeems to argue ſtrongly againſt the Writer's Intention, and brings the Proprietary (who is univerſally known to have been a Man of great Judgment, and unſpotted Integrity) into too many Contradictions: But I ſhall only deſire the Gentlemen to remember that it is the Proprietary's Letters Patent, under the Great Seal of *England*, and the Laws in Force, which have been enacted by Virtue of that Great Seal, by and upon which the Frame and preſent Conſtitution of this Government is founded and aſcertained, and not upon the Proprietary's private Sentiments, or Inſtructions to his Lieutenants, as is here imagined.

Remon. *That ſince former Governors have condeſcended, or been led into this Practice, it cannot be thought ſtrange that Gentlemen will ſtill flatter themſelves to have it continued under the preſent Adminiſtration.*

Obſer. If former Adminiſtrations have unhappily been led into Miſtakes, or any unwarrantable Proceedings, it is at leaſt to be wiſhed, that the preſent may have Fortitude enough to withſtand the Example of ſuch Precedents.

Remon. *Gentlemen declare themſelves not to be anxious of any Honour or Reſpect on Account of their Stations, but that the Conſiderations of Weight with them are as follows.*

Obſer. Judicious Reaſoning, well applied, generally commends a more true and laſting Reſpect than bare Titles of Honour.

Remon. *That where annual Aſſemblies take Place, ſo that one is frequently choſen with a Spirit of Oppoſition to the Preceding, their Diſpoſitions muſt be various, and a ſteady Balance to ſuch Changes in that Part of the Legiſlature will be found neceſſary.*

Obſer. According to the Frame of this Government, it will, on fair Reaſoning, be allowed, that the Governor is very aptly and ſolely the neceſſary Balance that is ſuppoſed to be wanting in this Caſe; for it is plain, that all the Members of Council, as well as every other Freeman in the Colony, are either, by themſelves or their Delegates, already repreſented in that variable Part of the Legiſlature, called the Houſe of Aſſembly, and conſequently they muſt be ſuppoſed to ſhare in the Diviſion, Humour and Influence of that Houſe.

Remon. *That this is happily provided for in the Colonies which obſerve the* Britiſh *Conſtitution.*

Obſer. This cannot be to the Purpoſe here, until the ſame Conſtitution with theſe other Colonies be once eſtabliſhed by Law or Ordinance of Authority in this Province.

Remon. *Theſe Gentlemen therefore think it incumbent on them, in Diſcharge of their Duty to the Publick, and themſelves, as they are Men of Eſtates, fixed to this Colony, to guard againſt any Infractions on former Methods, which tend, as they conceive, to their Security.*

Obſer. A bare Pretence in Diſcharge of publick or private Duties will never juſtify the purſuing Methods, or inſiſting upon Meaſures in Government, which have neither the Authority of Law nor Reaſon to ſupport them.

Remon.

Remon. *This Method of taking the Council's Advice has generally been concurred with by all paſt Aſſemblies, who have ſhewed an Inclination to promote the Peace, Eaſe, and Welfare of their Country, by proper Meaſures.* 1724-25. 12th Me. 6.

Obſer. Since by the following Paragraph we find it is acknowledged that ſome Aſſemblies have objected againſt the Council's being concerned in Legiſlation, it may, according to this indefinite Way of Expreſſion, be queſtioned, whether there ever was an Aſſembly in this Province, who had an Inclination to promote the Peace, Eaſe and Welfare, of their Country, by what is here called proper Meaſures.

Remon. *Former Aſſemblies have chearfully acted in Concert with the Council, and have joined Committees with them by the Governor's Appointment; they have conferred and agreed upon Amendments propoſed; and this has been conceived to be no leſs for the Security of the Governor himſelf than for that of the Country.*

Obſer. And doubtleſs, when the proper Judge in ſuch Caſes (the Governor) ſees Occaſion to appoint any Conference between the Council and Aſſembly, or that the Houſe of Aſſembly ſhall think fit to deſire ſuch a Conference at any Time hereafter, it will be ſo again.

Remon. *It is acknowledged that ſome Aſſemblies have been jealous of the Council, and objected againſt their being concerned in Legiſlation.*

Obſer. What has been may be again; wherefore, in Prudence, the Governor is not to admit of, or follow any Precedents, in ſo nice a Point as that of the Legiſlative Power, but what are warranted by Law.

Remon. *But then we are to know that the People have reſented this Proceeding, in their Repreſentatives, and have effectually ſhewn their Diſlike of ſuch Opinions.*

Obſer. A moſt noble Inſtance, where the indiſcreet Reſentments and Humour of a Multitude is ſometimes more to be regarded, than the deliberate Sentiments of a Repreſentative Body, met in their Legiſlative Capacity.

Remon. *Yet further, if it were demanded of theſe Perſons who happen to be thrown out at Elections, whether they would rather chuſe, that the ſucceeding Aſſembly ſhould proceed to Legiſlation without the Inſpection and Conſent of the Council, or that the Council's having a Share in Legiſlation, ſhould be tranſmitted down to Poſterity? In this Caſe theſe Gentlemen cannot believe but that the Anſwer of ſuch ejected Members (if deliberately and ſeriouſly given) would convince, even themſelves, of their former Error.*

Obſer. Let it for once be conceded here, that the Anſwers of ſuch Perſons, to this Queſtion, were ſeriouſly and deliberately given, of which (*Obiter*) theſe Gentlemen only are to be Judges, and that they were thereby convinced of their former Error; or which is the ſame Thing in this Caſe, from different Circumſtances and Characters, had different Views and Opinions; is not this ſtill arguing, that the Frame of Government is to be better ſupported, and that Laws may be more judiciouſly compoſed and adviſed, by an unruly and variable Multitude without, than by the Repreſentative and Legiſlative Body, legally aſſembled within Doors.

Remon. *That it would require too much Time to ſpeak fully to the Governor's Apprehending that if the Bills were not then paſſed, the whole would be in Danger of miſcarrying.*

Obſer. This artificial Stroke, to avoid touching upon the moſt material and chief Point of all this Controverſy, is obvious.

Remon. *Only the Gentlemen are under a deep Concern, to think by what Means the Governor ſhould be laid under the Apprehenſions, which they are perſwaded would have appeared groundleſs, had the Governor thought fit to have the Bills conſidered by Paragraphs at the Board, and ſuch further Amendments propoſed as to theſe Gentlemen might ſeem neceſſary.*

Obſer. Here they go on, but the Figure is carried a little too far, and obliges the Governor to put the Gentlemen in Mind, that notwithſtanding of their affected Ignorance and Concern, about the Means whereby the Governor comes to be laid under ſuch Apprehenſions, it will be chiefly incumbent upon them (if it is ever inquired into) to clear themſelves from having had as great a Share of bringing the Governor under thoſe Apprehenſions as any other Perſon whatſoever; and if no other Method can be found to remove the Grounds of ſuch Apprehenſions, but the Allowing of theſe Gentlemen a Negative upon the Legiſlative Power, it is to be feared that will hardly be granted at this Juncture.

Remon. *That none in the Province are more deſirous than theſe Gentlemen to have a generous Support raiſed for the Adminiſtration, and that they are acted by as hearty a Zeal for the Governor's Intereſt as any in the Government.*

Obſer. The Obligations of Friendſhip, and good Offices between the Governor and thoſe Gentlemen, have been mutual hitherto, their Intereſts, in the Governor's View, ſeemed to be linked together, and ſtand upon one Bottom; ſo that the Governor cannot, nor does not, ſuſpect their hearty Zeal for his Service, tho' his Reaſon cannot fall in with theirs, or approve their Conduct in this particular.

1724-25. 11th Mo. 6. Remon. *But for the Reaſons already mentioned, they could not in Juſtice acquieſce in Meaſures that would give a Precedent for laying aſide a Practice, which they conceive to be of great Importance to the Publick Safety.*

Obſer. It is hoped that the Obſervations here made upon theſe Gentlemens Reaſons, together with the Strength of their own excellent Underſtandings and good Judgments, will give them a different View of the Matter in Queſtion.

Remon. *When the firſt ſix Bills were laid before them, in the Afternoon of the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, they were acquainted at the ſame Time, that the Aſſembly ſeem'd inclined to break up the next Day, and that thereupon they had propoſed ſuch Amendments as the Shortneſs of the Time would permit.*

Obſer. The Gentlemen very well know that the Governor himſelf took their Obſervations to theſe ſix Bills on the Twenty-firſt in Council, and ſent them to the Aſſembly, who agreed to ſuch of them as were of any Importance; and, upon cool Reflection, they cannot but own that the Governor's condeſcending to humour the Aſſembly in their Deſire to break up on the Twenty-ſecond, being the laſt Day of the Week, was, if not a neceſſary, at leaſt a very diſcreet and prudential Piece of Conduct at that Juncture.

Remon. *That a long Bill of divers Sheets was, next Day, in the Afternoon, read to them in Council, of which the Governor acknowledged he could not be a proper Judge, and that two more were offered before Night, when the Aſſembly was expected to attend their Paſſing.*

Obſer. This is not fairly repreſented; for that being a Bill to render County Levies more effectual and more equal, tho' the Governor did acknowledge that he was not ſo proper a Judge of theſe Country Affairs; yet, at the ſame Time, theſe Gentlemen can, if they pleaſe, remember that the Governor ſaid, he thought none could pretend to a better Underſtanding in ſuch Matters, than the Members of Aſſembly themſelves, who beſt knew the Particulars, and were daily converſant with the Affairs of their reſpective Counties.

Remon. *That as theſe Gentlemens hearing the Bills read at that Time could be of no Signification, and that the Attendance of the Council has been uſually conſidered as a Mark of their Concurrence, they could not uſe a more decent and reſpectful Conduct towards the Governor, than to deſire his Leave to withdraw, which was granted them accordingly.*

Obſer. The Governor does truly think, that theſe Gentlemens protracting Time in often reading and amending of Bills, which had already paſſed ſeveral Views, could have had no other Signification or Effect, but to chagrin the Houſe of Aſſembly, and diſturb that perfect good Underſtanding, which, with much Care and Pains, had all along been preſerved between that Houſe and the Governor; and whatſoever Notions theſe Gentlemen may have framed to themſelves, about the Attendance of a Council upon the Governor, at his paſſing of Laws, I am hopeful they will, on the like Occaſions, find out ſtill a more decent and reſpectful Conduct, than what they ſhewed at that Time, towards a Governor who has, on all Occaſions, expreſſed his Ambition to pleaſe and ſerve them and their Friends, and who never yet afforded them any juſt Cauſe of Offence, by Word or Deed, that he knows of.

Remon. *That as the Gentlemen are conſcious of their own Sincerity, and the Zeal and Affections which they have always had for the Governor, and his juſt Intereſt, they hope the Governor cannot be offended with them for having acted as, according to the beſt of their Judgments, became honeſt Men.*

Obſer. The Governor has had ſo many Proofs of theſe Gentlemens Affection to him, and bears ſo true an Eſteem for them and their Families, that he can be no other Ways affected by any Difference in Opinion with them, than what the Deſire which every juſt and good Man hath to be of one Mind with his beſt Friends, doth and muſt naturally produce.

Adjournment. And then the Houſe adjourned to the 8th of the *Twelfth Month*, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

12th Mo. 8. The Houſe met, &c. and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. The Houſe met, &c.

12th Mo. 9. The Houſe went upon a Debate about the Meſſage the Governor returned to the Houſe by the Members that carried the two Bills to him on *Saturday* laſt; and a Motion being made, the Queſtion was put, that an Addreſs be drawn up, and ſent to the Governor, to delare the Opinion of the Houſe relating to Widow *Penn*'s private Inſtructions, in Anſwer to the ſaid Meſſage? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*, draw up the ſame, and lay it before the Houſe in the Afternoon.

A Member of the Houſe (at the Requeſt of ſome Magiſtrates) delivered in at the Table a Paper, containing the Heads of the Reaſons given in the Court of Common Pleas, held in *September*, 1723, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, by the Juſtices of the ſaid Court, for not obſerving an Act of Aſſembly paſſed the ſame Year, intituled, *An Act directing the Proceſs of Summons againſt Freeholders*, which was read; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 1724-25.

The Members appointed to draw up the Addreſs to the Governor, brought in the ſame, which being read, after ſome ſmall Alteration made, was agreed to, and ordered to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth, *viz.* 12*th Mo.* 9. *Poſt Meridiem.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met, *February* 9, 1724-25.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

IN Anſwer to the Governor's Meſſage to this Houſe, of the ſixth Inſtant, relating to the private Inſtructions ſent him from the Relict of the late honourable Proprietary, William Penn, *Eſq; Governor of this Province; having, with great Deliberation, maturely conſidered the ſame, on this new Occaſion, the Houſe (as formerly) is humbly of Opinion, that the ſaid Inſtructions are, in Part, contradictory, and an Infringement of the Liberties and Privileges by Charter granted to the People of this Province; and as the Repreſentative Body of this Province is the Guardian of the Peoples Rights and Liberties, we humbly requeſt the Governor, that he would be favourably pleaſed to aſſiſt us, by an hearty Concurrence, in aſſerting our Rights in the Legiſlative Authority of this Province, and take no Notice nor Regard, or comply with, any of thoſe Parts of ſaid Inſtructions, which may admit of a Conſtruction repugnant to ſaid Charter; and, agreeable to the Uſage and Practice of this Government, proceed to paſs the Bills lying before him into Laws, which will be an additional Obligation on us to juſtify the Governor in his Concurrence with this Houſe.* Aſſembly's Addreſs to the Governor.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

WILLIAM BILES, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *William Pile*, wait on the Governor with the above Addreſs: Who return, and report, that they delivered the ſame, according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to return his Thanks to the Houſe, and was pleaſed to ſay, he would ſend an Anſwer thereto in Writing To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of ſome of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, deſiring an Act may be paſſed to prohibit the Running of Swine at large (not yoaked and ringed) within the inhabited Parts of this Province, and to take the Exciſe off all Spirits, and lay it on the Importer, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Reaſons given by the Juſtices of the Court of Quarter Seſſions, *&c.* was read again; and, after Debate thereon,

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Edward Farmar*, carry the ſame to the Chief Juſtice, and deſire his Opinion thereon: Who return, and report, they delivered the ſame, according to Order; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 10.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition againſt Hogs running at large, *&c.* and for taking off the Exciſe, and laying it on the Importer, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, The ſame be laid aſide, in as much as there is a Law already provided, which anſwers, in ſome Part, what relates to Hogs, and that concerning Spirits is already reſolved by another Petition to the ſame Purpoſe.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, and alſo the perſonal Eſtate late of* John Jones, *late of* Philadelphia, *Merchant, deceaſed, in Truſtees, to be ſold, and the Monies ariſing by Sale of the real Eſtate, and the perſonal Eſtate, to be divided among the Children of the ſaid* John Jones, *according as in and by his laſt Will and Teſtament is directed*, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Motion being made about the long Sitting of Aſſembly, and debated; then the Queſtion being put, that the Time of the Sitting of Aſſemblies hereafter be limited? *Paſſed in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Time of the Aſſembly's ſitting (upon Wages) ſhall not exceed thirty Days? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 12*th Mo.* 11.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went upon a Debate about the Law of Fees;

Ordered, That the laſt Law of Fees be read, which was done accordingly; and a Debate aroſe thereon, whether the ſaid Law was in Force or not; or whether the ſaid laſt Law of Fees had repealed the former; and, after ſome Time ſpent in Debate thereon,

Reſolved,

1724-25. *Reſolved*, That the laſt Law of Fees be reviſed, and ſuch Alterations made as ſeem neceſſary, and further enforced.

12th Mo. 11. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That *Edward Farmar*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Croſby*, draw up a Bill for that Purpoſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Secretary brought back the two Bills which were laid before him, with ſome Amendments propoſed; and likewiſe delivered a Meſſage in Writing, in Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs of the ninth Inſtant, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Governor's Meſſage, in Anſwer to the Aſſembly's Addreſs.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'IN Compliance with your laſt Addreſs, and agreeable to the former Practice of this Government, I have proceeded to examine and offer ſome Amendments in Council to the two Bills which were laid before me from your Houſe; and underſtanding myſelf to be very well guarded with your Sentiments, ſo fully and clearly expreſſed, concerning the preſent Conſtitution of Government in this Province, my Aſſiſtance ſhall not be wanting from time to time to ſupport the Peoples Privileges granted to them by Charter, and to maintain your juſt Rights in the Legiſlative Authority.

'It will, I am confident, produce a general Satisfaction in the Minds of the People, when they come to obſerve, in the Courſe of your Proceedings, that the Legiſlature of this Province is ſo firmly united to their Intereſt, and that every Thing, which appears to be neceſſary, has been amicably adjuſted and conceded to between the Governor and their Repreſentatives, in order to bring this Seſſion of Aſſembly unto a ſpeedy and happy Concluſion.'

February 11, 1724-25. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Then the Houſe proceeded on the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Flour Bill; and after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the Officer have Power to conſtitute Deputies; and upon the other Amendment propoſed by the Governor of *One Penny per* Caſk, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that it ſtand as in the Bill, *viz. Twelve-pence per* Ton? *Carried in the Negative.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Amendment of *One Penny per* Caſk be conceded to.

Reſolved, That the Bill for building a new Court-houſe and Priſon, in the County of *Bucks*, be returned again to the Governor for his Concurrence.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better and more effectual raiſing of County Rates and Levies*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 12. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went on the ſecond Reading of the Bill for raiſing County Levies.

Reſolved, That Wolves Heads be lowered to *Fifteen Shillings* each, and that Crows be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, and *Two-pence per* Head allowed for them.

Reſolved, That Land, uncultivated, and belonging to Non-reſidents, be not rateable in this Act.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the farther Reading of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded on the County Levy Bill by Paragraphs.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be committed to *Francis Rawle*, *Edward Farmar*, *Anthony Morris*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Moſes Key*.

Samuel Hudſon having, for ſome Time, been abſent from the Service of the Houſe, appeared, and acquainted this Houſe, that he could no longer attend the Service thereof, being deſigned forthwith on a Voyage to *Great-Britain*, for the better Recovery of his Health.

Then the Houſe went upon a Debate about the Law of Summons; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the Members to whom the County Levy Bill was committed, be a Committee to draw up a more effectual Bill for that Purpoſe, and that they apply to the Chief Juſtice for his Aſſiſtance therein; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 6th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for veſting the Lands*, &c. *of* John Jones, *deceaſed, to be ſold for the Uſe of the Children*, was read the ſecond Time, and deferred.

The Members appointed brought in the Bill, intituled, *An Act for regulating and eſtabliſhing Fees*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn till the firſt Day of *March* next: Who return, and report,

report, they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order, and that the Governor agrees with the propoſed Time. 1724-25.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Job Goodſon*, and *John Kearſley*, reviſe the Minutes of this Week, in order to have them publiſhed, and that the Clerk deliver a Copy of the ſame to *Andrew Bradford*; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt Day of *March* next. 12th *Mo.* 13. Adjournment.

The Governor's DEFENCE *of the* CONSTITUTION *of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *and the late honourable Proprietary's* CHARACTER, *in Anſwer to* James Logan's *Memorial*, &c.

FINDING myſelf and the Adminiſtration of this Government to have been miſrepreſented by the Stile and Purport of ſome private Inſtructions from the Widow *Penn*, which I received at the Hands of a Member of the Council of this Province, upon his Arrival from *England*; I was willing, at the Opening of this Seſſion of Aſſembly, to know, from the Peoples Repreſentatives, what real Grounds had been given, by any Parts of my Conduct, for ſuch a heavy Charge as, in general Terms only, was endeavoured to be laid againſt me; for it was my full Purpoſe, and fixed Reſolution, at that Time, to lay aſide all Animoſity or Reſentment againſt Particulars by Name, and to inſiſt only upon a general and juſt Defence of my own Character; but, to uſe the Gentleman's own Words, I ſoon found that, by an unprecedented Conduct, ſome extraordinary Means were uſed to ſtir up a Party, in the Houſe of Repreſentatives, againſt the Governor's open, plain, and moſt juſtifiable Meaſures, to unite ſtill more and more the Affections and Sentiments of the whole Legiſlative Power. The Governor's Defence of the Conſtitution of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, and the late honourable Proprietary's Character, in Anſwer to *James Logan's* Memorial.

In order to fruſtrate ſo wicked and pernicious a Deſign, I was brought under a Neceſſity of laying before that Houſe, the ſaid original private Inſtructions, which, with the ſmooth Name of Secrecy, were, as it now appears, evidently intended by this Gentleman ſlily to break through the Privileges granted to the People by Charter, under a meer Pretence of gentle Inſtructions to the Governor in Private; for ſhould he either divulge or diſobey them, we are told, Means of Reſentment are at Hand, and no Quarter to be given.

That the Houſe however might clearly ſee, and impartially judge of what ſo nearly concerned them, I alſo laid before them my Anſwer to the ſaid Widow *Penn*'s Letter of private Inſtructions, wherein I do ſay, that there are three Things demonſtrated beyond all Contradiction, *viz.*

Firſt, That ſome of the ſaid Inſtructions conclude abſurdly, and therefore are impracticable.

Secondly, That they are a poſitive Breach of the Charter of Privileges to the People. And,

Thirdly, That they are inconſiſtent with the legal Prerogative of the Crown, ſettled by Act of Parliament.

The Reſolutions taken by the Houſe of Repreſentatives on theſe Matters, having been publiſhed by Authority, I ſhall not here ſpeak to any Thing which they have already conſidered; but finding, amongſt other Things that are printed in the Journal of that Houſe, a very extraordinary Memorial, which, from an unfathomable Depth of profound Knowledge, that contemns the written Letter of Conſtitutions and Laws, diſcovers to us the more ſublime Intentions, and ſecret or never before known Views of Princes and great Men, whoſe Memories ought to be mentioned here with the greateſt Veneration and Reſpect; it will be very convenient to examine, whether the Commentary of this Memorialiſt upon the Royal Grant, and the Proprietary's Charter of Privileges, be conſiſtent with the Text; for if it ſhould plainly appear that they diſagree, and that this Commentator's Inferences are no other but fanciful Conceits, proceeding from ſtrong Paſſions and Deſires, it will then be incumbent on him further to ſhew, by what Authority he takes upon him to dictate upon, and expound thoſe ſolemn Evidences and authoritative Deeds, on which our Conſtitution is founded, in a quite different Senſe from all others who have yet conſidered them.

The Memorialiſt, in his Title and Introduction, ſeems mightily to tickle his own Fancy with an imaginary Suppoſition that ſome Attack has been made, or ſome Injury intended to Mrs. *Penn*, and that honourable Family; and thereupon he aſſures the Houſe of what I am confident every Man without, as well as within Doors, does ſincerely believe, *viz.* "That neither Mrs. *Penn*, nor the Truſtees, who join'd with her, could think that any "Thing contained in thoſe Inſtructions was, in any Degree, inconſiſtent, or interfered with "any Privilege whatſoever, that the People of this Province of Right could claim; for "that worthy Gentlewoman's Regard to Juſtice and Honour was ſuch, that no Conſidera-"tion could tempt her, nor any Perſon be more averſe to Things of that Kind."

Thus Mrs. *Penn*, and the Truſtees who join'd with her in this Matter, being amply vindicated by the Memorialiſt himſelf, and all others concerned, from any Intention againſt the Peoples Privileges; and the Houſe of Repreſentatives at the ſame Time having voted, *Nemine Contradicente*, that ſome Part of the ſaid Inſtructions do infringe their Privileges, what other Concluſion can poſſibly be made, but that Mrs. *Penn*, and the Truſtees who

1724-25. joined with her, have, by ſome pernicious and inſinuating Counſel, been led into Things which they did not intend, or had the leaſt Apprehenſion of, at that Time.

6th Mo. 13. Who will not concur with the Memorialiſt in his ſecond Paragraph, that this Province lies under the deepeſt Obligations to its firſt great Founder? And who can ſay otherwiſe, but that the preſent Houſe of Repreſentatives have truly uſed very great Tenderneſs in judging of Affairs which have been groſly miſrepreſented to them?

It would, in my Opinion, have been much to this Memorialiſt's Advantage, had he always acted as agreeable to his own Aſſertion in the third Paragraph, *viz.* "That the Houſe are properly the Guardians of all the Peoples Rights, and therefore are under the ſtricteſt Obligations to take Care that there be no Infraction made on any Privilege that belongs to them;" as the Houſe have evidently done to the Rule which he judiciouſly preſcribes for their Proceedings, *viz.* Truth, Juſtice, and clear Right.

Theſe are Foundations upon which the Memorialiſt proceeds to ſtate the Cauſe, and, as he modeſtly pretends, to ſettle the Points in Queſtion beyond Diſpute; and that he may have the faireſt Play imaginable, I ſhall proceed in his own Method, *viz.* To enquire ſtrictly and impartially what has been really granted: In order to which, I muſt here tranſcribe, *verbatim*, ſuch Paragraphs of the Royal Charter as I ſhall have Occaſion hereafter to make Uſe of in this Argument, and without Regard to their Poſition in the Original, I ſhall mark them numerically only for the Sake of Reference.

" 1. CHARLES, by the Grace of GOD, *&c.* To all to whom theſe Preſents ſhall " come, *Greeting*: WHEREAS Our truſty and well-beloved Subject *William* " *Penn*, Eſq; Son and Heir of Sir *William Penn*, deceaſed, out of a commendable Deſire " to enlarge Our *Engliſh* Empire, and promote ſuch uſeful Commodities as may be of Bene- " fit to Us and Our Dominions; as alſo to induce the Savage Natives by gentle and juſt " Manners, and kind Society and Chriſtian Religion, hath humbly beſought Leave of Us to " tranſport an ample Colony unto a certain Country herein after deſcribed, in the Parts of " *America*, not yet cultivated and planted; and hath likewiſe ſo humbly beſought Our " Royal Majeſty, to Give, Grant and Confirm, all the ſaid Country, with certain Privi- " leges and Juriſdictions, requiſite for the good Government and Safety of the ſaid Country " and Colony, to him and his Heirs for ever. KNOW YE THEREFORE, " That We, favouring the Petition and good Purpoſe of the ſaid *William Penn*, and having " Regard to the Memory and Merits of his late Father in divers Services, and particularly " to his Conduct, Courage and Diſcretion, under Our deareſt Brother JAMES, Duke of " *York*, in that ſignal Battle and Victory fought and obtained againſt the *Dutch* Fleet, com- " manded by the Heer *Van Opdam*, in the Year 1665: In Conſideration thereof, of Our " ſpecial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, have Given and Granted, and by " this Our preſent Charter, for Us, our Heirs and Succeſſors, do Give and Grant unto the " ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, all that Tract or Part of Land in *America*, &c.

" 2. SAVING always to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, the Faith and Allegiance of " the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, and of all other Proprietaries, Tenants, and " Inhabitants, that are or ſhall be within the Territories and Precincts aforeſaid: And ſav- " ing alſo unto Us, Our Heirs and Suceſſors, the Sovereignty of the aforeſaid Country.

" 3. AND foraſmuch as We have hereby made and ordained the aforeſaid *William* " *Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, the true and abſolute Proprietary of all the Lands and Do- " minions aforeſaid, KNOW YE THEREFORE, That We, repoſing ſpecial " Truſt and Confidence in the Fidelity, Wiſdom, Juſtice, and provident Circumſpection, " of the ſaid *William Penn*, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, do grant free, full, and " abſolute Power, by Virtue of theſe Preſents, to him and his Heirs, to his and their De- " puties and Lieutenants, for the good and happy Government of the ſaid Country, to or- " dain, make and enact, and, under his and their Seals, to publiſh any Laws whatſoever, " for the raiſing of Money for the Publick Uſe of the ſaid Province, or for any other End, " appertaining either unto the Publick State, Peace and Safety, of the ſaid Country, or un- " to the private Utility of particular Perſons, according unto their beſt Diſcretion, by and " with the Advice, Aſſent and Approbation, of the Freemen of the ſaid Country, or the " greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies, whom, for the Enacting of " the ſaid Laws, when, and as often as Need ſhall require, We will that the ſaid *William* " *Penn* and his Heirs, ſhall aſſemble in ſuch Sort and Form, as to him and them ſhall ſeem " beſt, and the ſame Laws duly to execute, unto and upon all People within the ſaid " Country and Limits thereof. AND We do likewiſe Give and Grant unto the ſaid " *William Penn*, and to his Heirs, and to their Deputies and Lieutenants, full Power and Au- " thority, to appoint and eſtabliſh any Judges and Juſtices, Magiſtrates and other Officers " whatſoever, for what Cauſes ſoever, for the Probates of Wills, and for granting of " Adminiſtrations, within the Precincts aforeſaid, and with what Power ſoever, and in ſuch " Form as to the ſaid *William Penn*, or his Heirs, ſhall ſeem moſt convenient: Alſo to remit, re- " leaſe, pardon and aboliſh, whether before Judgment or after, all Crimes and Offences whatſo-

" ever

" ever committed within the ſaid Country againſt the ſaid Laws (Treaſon and wilful and ma- 1724-25.
" licious Murder only excepted) and in thoſe Caſes to grant Reprieves, until Our Pleaſure
" may be known therein, and to do all and every other Thing and Things, which unto 6th Mo. 13.
" the complete Eſtabliſhment of Juſtice, unto Courts and Tribunals, Forms of Judicature,
" and Manner of Proceedings, do belong, altho' in theſe Preſents expreſs Mention be not
" made thereof; and by Judges by them delegated, to award Proceſs, hold Pleas, and de-
" termine in all the ſaid Courts and Tribunals all Actions, Suits, and Cauſes whatſoever, as
" well Criminal as Civil, Perſonal, Real and Mixt; which Laws ſo, as aforeſaid, to be
" publiſhed, Our Pleaſure is, and ſo We enjoin, require and command, ſhall be moſt
" abſolute and available in Law; and that all the Liege People and Subjects of Us,
" our Heirs and Succeſſors, do obſerve and keep the ſame inviolable in thoſe Parts, ſo far as
" they concern them, under the Pain therein expreſſed, or to be expreſſed. PROVID-
" ED nevertheleſs, that the ſaid Laws be conſonant to Reaſon, and not repugnant or con-
" trary, but, as near as convenient may be, agreeable to the Laws and Statutes, and Rights
" of this Our Kingdom of *England*; and ſaving and reſerving to Us, Our Heirs and Succeſ-
" ſors, the Receiving, Hearing and Determining, of the Appeal and Appeals of all or any
" Perſon or Perſons of, in, or belonging to the Territories aforeſaid, or touching any
" Judgment to be there made or given.

" 4. AND Our further Will and Pleaſure is, that the Laws for regulating and governing
" of Property within the ſaid Province, as well for the Deſcent and Enjoyment of Lands,
" as likewiſe for the Enjoyment and Succeſſion of Goods and Chattels, and likewiſe as to
" Felonies, ſhall be and continue the ſame as they ſhall be for the Time being, by the ge-
" neral Courſe of the Law in our Kingdom of *England*, until the ſaid Laws ſhall be al-
" tered by the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs or Aſſigns, and by the Freemen of the ſaid
" Province, their Delegates or Deputies, or the greater Part of them.

" 5. AND We do further appoint and ordain, and by theſe Preſents for Us, Our Heirs
" and Succeſſors, We do Grant unto the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, That
" he, the ſaid *William Penn*, his Heirs and Aſſigns, may, from time to time, for ever have
" and enjoy the Cuſtoms and Subſidies, in the Ports, Harbours, and other Creeks and Pla-
" ces aforeſaid, within the Province aforeſaid, payable and due for Merchandize and Wares
" there to be laded and unladed, the ſaid Cuſtoms and Subſidies to be reaſonably aſſeſſed up-
" on any Occaſion, by themſelves and the People there as aforeſaid to be aſſembled, to
" whom We give Power by theſe Preſents, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſſors, upon juſt
" Cauſe, and due Proportion, to aſſeſs and impoſe the ſame; ſaving unto Us, Our Heirs and
" Succeſſors, ſuch Impoſitions and Cuſtoms, as by Act of Parliament are and ſhall be ap-
" pointed."

From the plain Words and Stile of this Royal Grant to the Proprietary, as well as from that of all others of the like Nature extant, it may be inferred, that a Charter is a ſolemn Deed of Gift, abſolutely and irrevocably conferring ſome Privilege or Advantage upon the humble Petition of the Party receiving, and not a Matter of Right, which can be claimed as ſuch; and from hence it will follow, that nothing of that Kind can be impoſed, by way of Ordinance, or other Authority, upon the Subject, in order to take from him any Privilege or Advantage which by Law or Cuſtom he formerly enjoyed; for no Man in his Senſes can be ſuppoſed to deſire his own Loſs or Reſtraint.

Our late honourable Proprietary therefore, as appears by the Preamble of this Charter, having humbly beſought the King to grant ſome valuable and great Privileges, not only in his own Behalf, but alſo in Behalf of many others, his Majeſty's loyal and good Subjects, the firſt Settlers of this Colony, his Majeſty is graciouſly pleaſed, in the third, fourth, and fifth Paragraphs, above recited, to grant the Privilege of making Laws unto the ſaid Proprietary, and his Heirs, and to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, jointly with the Advice, Aſſent, and Approbation of the Freemen of the ſaid Country, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies; by which it is evident, that the ſaid Freemen and their Delegates do, for all Time to come, receive an abſolute and irrevocable Privilege from the Crown, to be the only Parties concerned in making or enacting of Laws with the ſaid Proprietary and his Heirs, or their Deputies and Lieutenants; which Privilege, without the Conſent of the ſaid Freemen for their Delegates, cannot lawfully or equitably be taken from them, by any Act or Deed of the Proprietary.

This being the plain State of the Caſe, there is no Difficulty in apprehending the Reaſon why the Aſſembly, in *May* 1700, much contrary to the Proprietary's Inclinations, as this Memorialiſt avers, abſolutely reſigned the Charter granted, or rather impoſed upon them, in *April*, 1683; by which it is evident, they, *viz.* the Freemens Delegates, very well underſtood the Privileges granted to them by the Royal Charter: And as this Memorialiſt very well obſerves, *When the Proprietary, without any Solicitation from the Aſſembly, promiſed them another Charter, they appeared altogether regardleſs of it: Wherefore that Year, and the next, during the Proprietary's Stay in the Country* (as this Memorialiſt informs us) *Aſ-*

ſemblies

1724-25. *ſemblies were choſen by Writs, a Council was appointed by the Proprietary, and with theſe former Laws were re-enacted, and other new Ones made.* And this being ſo notable a Specimen of the Memorialiſt's Stile, and ſingular Way of Expreſſion, through the whole Paper, I deſire to be excuſed the Drudgery of minutely obſerving upon the continued Series of falſe Propoſitions, and palpable Inconſiſtencies, of which this extraordinary Performance is chiefly compoſed.

The Memorialiſt proceeds to tell us, that in *October*, 1701, *A Charter was drawn up, in which there was no Council eſtabliſhed*; and to excuſe ſo great an Omiſſion, here is ſome very remarkable Pictures drawn up by this Memorialiſt.

Firſt, His Maſter, the Proprietary, is deſcribed under a great Preſſure of Affairs, and much Uneaſineſs, granting a Charter of Privileges, which was altogether inconſiſtent with his own Sentiments, and Schemes of Government, as well as contradictory to his conſtant Practice: But, we are told, it conſiſts with the Memorialiſt's own Knowledge, that he reſolved to ſupply this Defect ſome how. Nevertheleſs, the Proprietary not being inclined to apply himſelf ſo much as the Memorialiſt thought neceſſary to ſettle this important Affair, he proceeds to execute this ſame Charter, with little or no Alteration, in Expectation of a better Opportunity at his Return.

The next Piece he preſents us with, is the Deſcription of a Houſe of Repreſentatives, annually choſen, who, becauſe they conſiſt of Country-men, let them be never ſo well diſpoſed, ought not to be inveſted with the Power of making Laws with a Governor, unleſs they were aſſiſted and directed by this Memorialiſt, and ſome of his Friends, who are of a longer Standing, and better acquainted with publick Buſineſs than ſuch a Crowd of Country-men; for as to all Governors, not excepting the Proprietary himſelf, they are here repreſented as incapable, without this Memorialiſt's Inſtruction, to conſider *What Bills, prepared by an Aſſembly, are fit to be paſſed, or whether ſuch Bills do require Amendments, and how theſe are to be made.*

Had the Memorialiſt publiſhed theſe Things as Maxims or Tenets of his own, they ſo far exceed the Rules of Decency and common Senſe, that I ſhould ſcarce have taken any Notice of them; but ſince he has the Aſſurance to father them upon his worthy and kind Maſter, our late honourable Proprietary, with whom I had the Honour to be perſonally and intimately acquainted for above ſeven Years, juſt after his laſt Return to *England* from *Pennſylvania*, I am neceſſarily called upon to vindicate that great Man's Character, from the bold Aſſertion of what this Author ſays conſiſted with his own Knowledge.

Had not the firſt Founder and Proprietary of this Colony been univerſally known in *Europe* to be a Perſon who was not only endued with true Piety, and an exact Conformity to the ſtricteſt Rules of moral Virtue, but alſo that his Mind was ever poſſeſſed of, and his whole Conduct governed by, an inexhauſtible Stock of Humanity and Benevolence to Mankind; the cloſe Adherence which ſo many religious good People effectually ſhewed to his Perſon and Intereſt, by undertaking a perilous Voyage, and tranſporting themſelves and their whole Families, with very conſiderable Riches, to ſettle a new Colony in theſe Woods, ſo far diſtant from their Mother-country, amidſt the barbarous Natives, could never be accounted for.

Can it be otherwiſe imagined, but that this great Man, when he humbly ſought the Royal Gift, not only knew perfectly what he aſked, but alſo from a Conſciouſneſs of the Juſtice of his own Thoughts and Intentions, even contributed himſelf to compleat the Draught of that excellent Charter, wherein the Peoples, as well as his own Rights and Privileges, are, in the cleareſt Words, moſt equitably eſtabliſhed for ever.

But further, that this was the Proprietary's Deſign in obtaining, as well as his Interpretation, of that Royal Favour, is evident from the very Words, quoted by this Memorialiſt, of his own Charter granted to the People in the Year 1701, which, ſo far as they relate to the Privilege of Legiſlation, do perfectly agree and correſpond with the ſame Thing in the Royal Grant; and not only ſo, but even this Memorialiſt himſelf, in expreſs Words, readily acknowledges that this was the Proprietary's Intention in that Charter; only he deſires it may be obſerved with Caution, that this Intention is, as the Memorialiſt conceives, ſo cunningly expreſſed as not to infer a direct Grant, tho' by Implication he owns it may; that is, this wiſe Author would endeavour to perſwade the good People of this Province, that his worthy and great Maſter was an arch cunning Sophiſter, who tho' he meant that the People ſhould apprehend that they actually received ſuch a Privilege by that Charter, yet there was nothing leſs in his Intention than truly, or in Effect to grant it to them. Who will not here ſay, from the abominable Defence of ſuch Advocates, and the monſtrous Ingratitude of ſuch Servants, Good Lord deliver all honeſt Men!

But we muſt now leave the Charter to follow the Memorialiſt through a long Digreſſion, wherein he explains to us his own Notions of ſuch a Council as he wants to be eſtabliſhed here, and to ſupply the Defect which he finds *in this Colony alone, and in no other of the King's Dominions*; he ſays, the Crown, Proprietary and Country, *would have a greater Security*, the Governors a *proper Aſſiſtance*, and the Repreſentatives this Advantage, that their

their Draughts would be improved, and their Bills more closely considered, if this Memorialist, and a few others, whom he could name, had but a Negative upon the Legislature, which in a great Measure would answer the Intention of such a Council as is appointed in other Places; and to support this extraordinary Expedient, he instances the Compliance of some former Governors, and thinks it strange that the present Governor, notwithstanding his being obliged in the Penalty of *One Thousand Pounds Sterling*, for Reasons best known to those who took such Precautions as were never before used, should make the least Scruple of giving the Obedience, which this Memorialist very modestly judges to be at all Times due unto his Sentiments, in the greatest Affairs of Government; for he being the Proprietary's Secretary, and first Minister of State, he always acts and speaks by Direction of his Master, whose secret Will or Intention is only and best known to himself. All which, he says, was approved by the ablest Judges, and, amongst others, by *R. Mompesson*; but without regard to such a Rapsody of insupportable and incoherent Stuff, which cannot be reduced to any positive Proposition or Conclusion whatsoever, I shall, for a Specimen of this Author's Veracity, and in Vindication of that learned Gentleman Judge *Mompesson*'s Opinion of the Proprietary's own Right, and Pretensions to a Negative on such Bills as were enacted by his Lieutenant here, by and with the Assent of the Freemens Delegates, insert the following unanimous Opinion of the Council upon a Clause of the Lieutenant Governor's Commission at that Time, wherewith the Proprietary's eldest Son and Heir, and some other worthy Gentlemen of respectful Memory, we shall even find this Memorialist himself, giving up all that mighty Power, which he now so pompously contends for, and acknowledging the Peoples Right to that very Privilege he would now pretend to question and dispute without Rhime or Reason. 1724-25.

The Clause in Col. *Evans*'s Commission, *viz.*

"SAVING always to me and my Heirs, our final Assent to all such Bills as thou "shalt pass into Laws in the said Government, *&c.*"

"In Answer to a Message from the Assembly, requesting the Council to give their Opi- "nion in Writing under their Hands, concerning the *Saving* or Exception in the Proprie- "tary *William Penn*'s Commission to the present Lieutenant Governor, *to wit*, whether the "said *Saving* is void in itself, and does not vacate the rest of the said Commission, or ren- "der it invalid? And whether those Bills which the present Lieutenant Governor shall "think fit to pass into Laws, and cause the said Proprietary's Great Seal to be affixed "thereunto, can afterwards be vacated or annulled by the said Proprietary, without Assent of "the Assembly of this Province.

"WE of the Council, whose Names are hereunto subscribed, are of Opinion, that the "said *Saving* is void in itself, and does not vacate the rest of the Commission, nor render it "invalid; and that those Bills which the present Lieutenant Governor shall think fit to pass "into Laws, and cause the said Proprietary's Great Seal to be affixed thereunto, cannot af- "terwards be vacated or annulled by the Proprietary, without Assent of the Assembly of this "Province."

William Penn, jun.	*Griffith Owen*,
Roger Mompesson,	*Caleb Pusey*,
Edward Shippen,	*William Trent*,
John Guest,	*Richard Hill*,
William Clarke,	*James Logan.*

If the Proprietary then, as it now evidently appears, had himself no Right to a Negative upon the Acts of his Lieutenant, in Conjunction with the Freemens Representatives, we shall acknowledge ourselves to be much in Debt to the profound Depth of this Memorialist's Knowledge, if he can prove by a logical or consequential Reasoning, that the Proprietary, by any Commission, Instructions, or other Orders whatsoever, could legally invest him and his Companions with a Negative, which, at the Time, did not really subsist in the Proprietary's own Person; or that the Proprietary, at his own Will and Pleasure, could add unto, impair, or alter the legal Constitution of the Legislature of this Province from what appears to be established and firmly granted to the People by the Royal Charter.

The Memorialist's Enquiry after the true Sense of the Word *Privilege*, Page 422, being a very extraordinary Endeavour, without much Dexterity, *to impose upon the Understandings of those who will suffer it*, I shall leave it to the Sense of that House, unto whom it is addressed; and when any Bill comes up to me from thence for establishing a Negative Council, or altering any Part of the present Constitution, I shall freely give my Sentiments of the Utility or Inconveniency that may attend it; and likewise take the Oportunity on that Occasion, as I have ever done on all others of any Moment, to consult and advise with the Gentlemen of the Council, not only to inform my Understanding, but also to render such Acts of Government, as by the Constitution appertain unto my Office, both agreeable and

1724-25. acceptable to thoſe who may be ſuppoſed to have the beſt Judgment and Experience of Buſineſs in this Province: But it being my Deſire, that every Man ſhould ſtudy quietly to mind his own Buſineſs, I have neither the Time to ſpare, nor the leaſt Inclination to beſtow any more Pains in anſwering a ſingular Man's conceited Speculations, unjuſt Compariſons, and impracticable Notions of Government.

Wherefore, I ſhall conclude this Paper with a ſhort and Plain State of the Proprietary Right, as well as the Peoples Privileges, as they are aſcertained and contained in that Royal Grant, which, without the unanimous Conſent of all the Parties, or a legal Forfeiture incurred, cannot be varied; and therefore all ſubſequent Charters, Commiſſions, Inſtructions, *&c.* and even Acts of Aſſembly, not yet approved of by the Crown, which appear to be inconſiſtent with the Terms of the ſaid Royal Grant, muſt, ſo far as they are ſo, be underſtood to be void, and of no Force.

The Royal Charter, with reſpect to the Proprietary and the People jointly, may be conſidered as the Terms or Condition of that Bond of Friendſhip and mutual Intereſt entered into between the Proprietary and the firſt Purchaſers and Settlers of this Colony, and their Heirs and Aſſigns for ever; and as in all Matters of Government, the Proprietary is always to be repreſented either by himſelf or his Deputy Governor, ſo is the People to be repreſented by themſelves or their Delegates, lawfully choſen and convened, according to the Direction of the ſaid Charter; and theſe two Repreſentations, from Time to Time, do, without the Intervention of any other Perſon or Thing, evidently compoſe the whoſe Legiſlative Power, or General Aſſembly, of this Province.

Now all Men, who have yet formed to themſelves any intelligible Ideas of Government, muſt know, that a Legiſlative Power cannot be reſtrained in Acts of Legiſlature, even by its Conſtituents; for as the Acts of the Peoples Repreſentatives or Delegates do moſt certainly bind the whole People whom they repreſent, ſo does the Acts of the Deputy Governor bind his Principal, whom he repreſents in a Legiſlative Capacity; and this the Proprietary himſelf, and thoſe learned and ſkilful Perſons, who were employed to draw the ſaid Royal Charter, not only underſtood, without all Doubt, to be the eaſieſt and beſt Form of Government that had yet been contrived for an *Engliſh* Colony, but alſo the moſt honourable for the Proprietary's Family, who, tho' they were hereby juſtly reſtrained from Acts of Legiſlation without the Peoples free Conſent, yet if at any Time it did happen that the Peoples Repreſentatives earneſtly deſired Things to be enacted for a general Good to the Colony, which perhaps did not ſquare with ſome particular Mens private Intereſt and Views, the Proprietary, or his Deputy (whoſe Intereſt and the Peoples ought to be inſeparably the ſame) might be at full Liberty to join with the Repreſentative Body of the People in promoting the Publick Welfare and Proſperity; for in my humble Opinion, we cannot frame a more unhappy Proſpect of any Society, and more deſtructive of the Notions of Liberty, as eſtabliſhed under an *Engliſh* Government, than to ſuppoſe that when a Governor, with the unanimous Conſent of the Repreſentatives of the whole People, in any Colony, is about to do any Act which evidently appears unto them to be abſolutely neceſſary to promote Trade, and maintain every Man's equal Right to his Property, it ſhould be in the Power of one or two private Men, by ſome Conceit or Flaw in the Conſtitution, to interrupt that general Good, on a meer Pretence that they were more capable and better Judges of what was fit to be done.

But this, God be praiſed, is not our preſent Caſe; for as all the Powers of Legiſlation are clearly and indiſputably given, by the Royal Charter, to the Governor, in Conjunction with the Peoples Repreſentatives for the Time being; ſo likewiſe are the Acts of this Legiſlature wiſely and moſt judiciouſly reſtrained by the ſame Charter to be preſented, in order to be conſidered by the Lords of his Majeſty's moſt honourable Privy Council, and to receive the Royal Sanction or Negative, according as they ſhall appear unto the unerring Juſtice of that Tribunal, decently to expreſs the Allegiance due from the Proprietary, as well as the People, to the King, and to be conſiſtent with the Liberties and Laws of our Mother Country: So long, therefore, as we are careful to obſerve exactly the Directions given by that Royal Charter for our Proceedings, we may certainly be aſſured of a Houſe of Lords indeed (without creating imaginary Ones to ourſelves here) who will not fail, in the moſt judicious Manner, to approve what is juſt and uſeful, and to reject or amend what is otherwiſe.

Having done what I thought was truly incumbent on me to quiet and ſatisfy the Minds of the good People of this Province in ſome Points, wherein they will doubtleſs think themſelves and their Poſterity very nearly concerned; I ſhall leave the more trifling Parts of this Memorialiſt's Argument to others, who perhaps can ſpare more Time to conſider them, than either the Publick, or my own neceſſary Affairs, will permit me to do; but whether I live to ſee it or not, I am confidently aſſured, from the apparent Juſtice of the Thing, that whenſoever the preſent worthy Gentlewoman Mrs. *Penn*, and thoſe who have the Direction of the Proprietary Affairs, and even the Proprietary himſelf, ſo ſoon as he appears upon the Stage of Action, with a competent Share of the Spirit and Knowledge of his great Predeceſſor, ſhall come to judge impartially, and without Prejudice, of the Controverſy on Foot, they will

will find that the greateſt and moſt honourable Privilege in the whole Royal Grant to the Heir of that Family, has been juſtly ſupported and defended, by their humble Servant, againſt thoſe who, during a Minority, and the Continuance of ſome legal Diſputes in the Family about Matter of Right, wanted, under the treacherous Pretence of a ſerviceable Friendſhip, and, by the moſt deceitful Arts, to wreſt that valuable Privilege, and diſtinguiſhing Mark of Royal Favour, out of their Hands for ever. 1724-25.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 1ſt *Mo.* 1.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *William Webb*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, according to Adjournment, deſire to know whether he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 1ſt *Mo.* 2.

The Members appointed laſt Night to wait on the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he was preparing a Bill for Naturalization of certain *Palatines*, which he would lay before the Houſe To-morrow.

The Members to whom the County Levy Bill was committed, delivered the ſame in at the Table; then the Houſe went upon the third Reading thereof.

Reſolved, That *Three-pence per* Head be allowed for Crows.

Ordered, That the further Reading the ſaid Bill be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing a Ferry from the City of* Philadelphia, *to the Landing at or near the Houſe late of* Daniel Cooper, *as alſo to* Glouceſter, *in* New-Jerſey, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt*, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

A Motion was made about printing the Charter of Privileges granted by the Proprietary to the People of this Province in the Year 1701, and a Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt *Mo.* 3.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded on the County Levy Bill.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to the Bill to exempt from Taxes all Tracts of Land unſettled within this Province, according to the Reſolve of the twelfth of *February* laſt.

Reſolved, That the Manner of electing Members of Aſſembly, Sheriffs and Coroners, be inſerted in this Bill, as directed in the Supplementary Act to the County Levy Act.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that there be a Clauſe added to exempt thoſe young Men who live with their Parents, and carry on Buſineſs and Work for them, from being rated *per Head? Carried in the Negative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to *Francis Rawle* and *Joſeph Pennock*, with the above Amendments.

The Bill for the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, was read the ſecond Time by Paragraphs; and, after divers Amendments made,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be committed to *John Swift* and *Edward Farmar*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt, was read the ſecond Time by Paragraphs, and debated; then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Defendant be ſerved, with a Copy of the Declaration, with the Summons, ten Days before the Court, as in the Bill? *Carried in the Negative.*

Reſolved, That the Declaration be not filed above five Days before the Court, or Day of Return of the ſaid Writ.

Reſolved, That any Perſon diſobeying this Act be fined in any Sum not exceeding *Ten Pounds.*

Reſolved, That this Bill declare who ſhall be deemed Freeholders within the Benefit of this Act.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be committed to *John Swift*, and *Anthony Morris.*

The Petition of *James Steel*, ſetting forth, That the Fees, belonging to the Proprietary's Secretary's Office, were reduced and ſettled by Act of Aſſembly, in the Year 1714, and that no Complaint of their being too high had ſince, to his Knowledge, been made; but in the late Table of Fees, in 1723, the ſame were again reduced below any other in Proportion, and that a Bill for regulating Fees being now before the Houſe, humbly requeſts, that the

1724-25. the ſaid Fees be reſtored to what they were in 1714, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1ſt *Mo.* 3. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

1ſt *Mo.* 4. The Members to whom the Bill for raiſing County Rates and Levies was re-committed, brought the ſame in, with the Amendments, according to Order, which were read, and agreed to.

Ordered, That the ſame be re-committed for further Amendments; and the ſame was re-committed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better ſecuring the City of* Philadelphia *from the Danger of Gun-powder*, was brought in according to Leave given, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Governor, by his Secretary, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual enabling divers Foreigners, reſident in the Province of* Pennſylvania, *to hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements and Hereditaments, in the ſame Province*; and likewiſe delivered a Meſſage in Writing; which was read.

Then the Houſe went upon the ſecond Reading the Bill of Fees, and coming to that Part relating to the Proprietary's Secretary's Fees,

Ordered, That the Petition of *James Steel* be read a ſecond Time; which was done accordingly, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Fees ſtand as in the Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the further Reading of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded on the Bill of Fees, and, after ſome Amendments made,

Ordered, That the remaining Part be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The County Levy Bill was brought in, with the Amendments, which being read, were agreed to.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual enabling divers Foreigners, reſident in the Province of* Pennſylvania, *to hold and enjoy Lands, Tenements, and Hereditaments in the ſame Province*, was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

1ſt *Mo.* 5. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Letter from *James Logan*, directed to the Speaker (incloſing ſundry Papers, intituled, *Minutes of Council)* deſires Leave of this Houſe to print the ſame; which being read, a Debate ariſing thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid *James Logan* have the Authority of this Houſe to print the ſaid Minutes of Council, ſo far as they appear to be authentick Copies with the Originals.

Ordered, That the Clerk make out Copies of the ſaid Papers, and then the ſaid *James Logan*, according to his Deſire, may have them again.

Then the Houſe proceeded on the Bill of Fees, and, divers Amendments being agreed upon,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed, with the ſaid Amendments, for a third Reading.

The Petition of *Armſtrong Smith*, requeſting to be named as Ferry-man in the Bill now before the Houſe, for veſting the Ferries to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter* in the Juſtices, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt*, was read a third Time, and ſome Amendments made.

Reſolved, That the ſame do paſs.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, To be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter*, &c. was read the third Time, and debated.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Armſtrong Smith* be read, which was done accordingly.

Reſolved, That the Juſtices in whom the ſaid Ferries are intended by this Act to be veſted, appoint the Perſon to manage the ſaid Ferries.

Then a Debate ariſing about the Appropriation of the Fines, Forfeitures and Profits ariſing from the ſaid Ferries;

Reſolved, That the ſame be appropriated to the Uſe of the Work-houſe in *Philadelphia.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to *John Kearſley* and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, for farther Amendments.

The Bill for the better ſecuring the City of *Philadelphia* from the Danger of Gun-powder,

der, was read the ſecond Time by Paragraphs, and debated, and ſome Amendments made. 1724-25.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be committed to *John Swift* and *Francis Rawle*. 1ſt Mo. 5.

The Bill for the more effectual enabling divers Foreigners, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and a long Debate continued thereon.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Foreigners, producing ſuch Certificates as were reſolved on by the Aſſembly in *May* laſt, on or before the firſt of *Auguſt* next, may induce this Houſe to proceed on the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe, met, &c. 1ſt Mo. 6.

The County Levy Bill, and the Bill of Summons, according to Order, being tranſcribed by the Clerk, were laid on the Table.

The Bill for the Powder-houſe was brought in, with the Amendments, and read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Thomas Treſs*, *Benjamin Jones*, and *John Parry*, carry the ſaid Bills; as likewiſe the County Levy Bill, and the Bill of Summons, to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence to them; and alſo a Copy of the Reſolve of this Houſe about the Bill for the more effectual enabling divers Foreigners, &c. Who return, and report, they delivered the Bills, with a Copy of the Reſolve, according to Order; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would give the Bills all the Diſpatch he could; and that he would draw up ſomething in Writing to lay before the Houſe relating to the Bill for Naturalization of Foreigners.

The Bill of Fees was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, and that *Anthony Morris*, and *John Kearſley*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Members to whom the Bill for the Ferries from *Philadelphia* to *Cooper*'s and *Glouceſter* was re-committed, brought in the ſame, with the Amendments, which were read; and after ſome Amendments agreed to, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill do paſs? *Carried in the Negative.*

And then the Houſe adjourned till the fifteenth Day of this Inſtant. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 15.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Kearſley*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, according to Adjournment, deſire to be informed what Progreſs the Governor has made, in relation to the Bills which were laid before him at the laſt Adjournment, and that they make Report To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. 1ſt Mo. 16.

The Members appointed laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame accordingly; and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would return two of the Bills this Afternoon, with his Amendments thereunto.

A Motion was made, that an Anſwer be given to the Private Inſtructions from the Widow *Penn* to our Governor; and a Debate ariſing thereon, the Queſtion was put, that there be a Remonſtrance, by way of an Addreſs, drawn up, and ſent to the Widow of our late honourable Proprietary, and Family, to ſhew wherein the ſaid Inſtructions to our Governor are an Infringment upon the Privileges granted by Charter to the People of this Province? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *Joſeph Fell*, and *John Croſby*, be a Committee to draw up the ſame.

The Governor, by his Secretary, returned the Bills for County Levies, and to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt, with ſundry Amendments propoſed; as likewiſe the Bill for a Powder-houſe, with two Petitions which had been laid before the Council Board againſt it, which were read; and alſo a ſecond Petition to this Houſe from *Matthew Philips*, and *Sarah Warren*, ſetting forth the Damage that will unavoidably accrue to them from the ſaid Powder-houſe, and praying that the ſaid Bill may be laid aſide.

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to another Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the County Levy Bill, and, after ſome Debate, agreed to divers of them, which were accordingly inſerted in the Bill.

1724-25. 1st Mo. 16. Then the Houſe went upon the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill for regulating the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt, and agreed that the Writ run in the King's Name.

Ordered, That the Bill be amended accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1st Mo. 17. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe took into Conſideration the Powder Bill, with the Petitions thereunto relating, purſuant to the Order of Yeſterday, and maturely conſidered the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide till the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration the Support of the Adminiſtration; and, after Debate, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the preſent Governor *Keith* have *One Thouſand Pounds* allowed him for his Support this current Year? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

A Motion was made, that an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, allowing a Bounty upon Hemp, being almoſt expired, ſhould be renewed; upon which a Debate aroſe about the Benefit and Advantage the raiſing of Hemp would be to the Trade of this Province.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Law be re-enacted.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Job Goodſon*, be appointed a Committee for drawing up a Bill for the ſaid Purpoſe.

Upon a Motion made, the Salaries to be allowed the Judges of the Supream Court came under the Conſideration of the Houſe; and, a Debate ariſing thereon,

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, The further Conſideration thereof be referred till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor with the four following Bills, *viz.* The Bill, intituled, *An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable*; *An Act to enable* Jeremiah Langhorne, *&c. to build a new Court-Houſe*, &c. *An Act for raiſing County Rates and Levies*; *An Act to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt*; and deſire his Concurrence to them as now amended; and likewiſe deſire to know whether he has conſidered the Bill of Fees: Who return, and report, they delivered the Bills and their Meſſage, according to Order; and that the Governor anſwered, the Bill of Fees was not ready to be ſent down.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of what was referred to this Afternoon, and, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the Salaries for the ſaid Judges ſhall, for the next Year, be as follows, *viz.* To the Chief Juſtice *One Hundred Pounds per Annum*; to the other two in Commiſſion, *Twenty-five Pounds* each *per Annum.*

The Petition of *John Eyres*, Sergeant at Arms, praying that this Houſe will pleaſe to augment his Salary, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Officer have *Eight Pounds* allowed him for his Service this current Year? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp*, was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1st Mo. 18. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp, was read the ſecond Time, by Paragraphs, and debated, and committed for a third Reading.

The Governor's Secretary brought to the Houſe a Meſſage, in Writing, which being read, is as followeth, *viz.*

Governor's Meſſage. *Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,*

'I HAVE conſidered the Reſolve of your Houſe, *March* the Fifth, upon the Palatine Bill, as alſo that of the laſt Houſe of Repreſentatives, *April* 29, 1724, on which yours is founded; and I am of the ſame Opinion I was laſt Year, *viz.* That the bare producing of Certificates to your Houſe, is not a proper Method for ſecuring the King and the Government of the Subjects Allegiance; neither is it agreeable to *Engliſh* Liberty, or to the Proprietary's Declarations for encouraging the Settlement of this Colony; and much leſs to that Freedom of Conſcience ſo much profeſſed in this Province, to demand other Qualifications for entitling any Man to the Rights of an *Engliſh* Subject than what are preſcribed by Law.

'The Proviſion made in the ſaid Bill, therefore, to prevent the Perſons therein to be named from enjoying any of the Privileges thereby intended to be granted, unleſs, within a certain Time limited, they ſhall take the legal Qualifications to the King and Government, before ſome Court of Record, is not only the beſt, but the moſt juſtifiable Method in ſuch Caſes to be taken, and for which, we have many Precedents in *Great-Britain*, as well as the neighbouring Governments.

'But

'But, in a Country where the Laws and Liberties of *Engliſhmen* are eſtabliſhed, to demand a ſtrict Enquiry to be made into Peoples private Converſation and Faith, other than what the Law has directed, and more eſpecially to pry into the Circumſtances of their private Eſtates, would, in my humble Opinion, not only be contrary to natural and equal Juſtice, but a moſt dangerous Precedent, which we would at no Time be contented to have put in Practice with reſpect to ourſelves; and therefore, I hope the Honour and Reputation of your Houſe, to which I ſhall always have a particular Regard, will induce you to guard againſt being drawn into Propoſitions, and new Methods, which are inconſiſtent with the Publick Liberty, and evidently tend only to ſerve the indirect Purpoſe of ſome private Men. 1724-25. 1ſt Mo. 18.

'As to the Bill itſelf, I am no otherwiſe anxious about it, than that I ſhould think it a very hard Caſe to deny any Stranger, who has actually purchaſed Lands in this Province, a Right of Inheritance, upon his complying with the legal Qualifications of Allegiance: And as I am very well aſſured that the ſaid Bill was drawn up after good Precedents, and agreeable to the Form of Law, as well as to his Majeſty's royal and gracious Inclinations of favouring ſuch foreign Proteſtants as ſeek Protection under his Government, I muſt deſire the Houſe would be pleaſed to take this Matter again under their Conſideration, and, if they ſhall ſo think fit, to proceed upon the ſaid Bill after the uſual Forms, which, I conceive, will be more for the Honour of the Legiſlature, and Service of this Province, than if thoſe People ſhould be obliged to apply elſewhere, in order to obtain their reaſonable Requeſt.'

March 18, 1724-25. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That the ſame be read again, which was done accordingly; and, a Debate ariſing thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Houſe proceed on the Conſideration of the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the more effectual enabling divers Foreigners*, &c. *Paſſed in the Negative.*

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide till the next Meeting of this Aſſembly, according to a former Reſolve of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

A Letter from *James Logan*, directed to the Houſe of Repreſentatives, which being opened, covered a Reply to the Governor's Anſwer to *James Logan*'s Memorial; which Letter and Reply being read, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *James Logan* have Liberty (if he thinks fit) to print the ſaid Reply and Letter? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Swift*, and *Anthony Morris*, go to the Governor, and inform him, that the Houſe deſires to know what Progreſs he has made on the Bills before him, and that the Houſe inclines to adjourn on *Saturday*: Who return, and report, that the Governor being now in Council upon the ſaid Bills, will ſend them in about an Hour's Time.

The Bill for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent back the four Bills which were laid before him in the Afternoon of the 17th Inſtant, as alſo the Bill of Fees; and likewiſe delivered a written Meſſage, deſiring, that ſince the Houſe does not think fit to inſert the Clauſe propoſed, relating to the Bridge on *Cheſter* Creek, they would be pleaſed to receive a ſhort Bill, not only for that Particular, but alſo for preſerving open the Courſe of all Creeks ſo far as they appear navigable.

Upon which the Houſe, after ſome Conſideration, came to a Reſolve, that they will receive ſuch a Bill, according to the Requeſt of the Governor; and as to a further Amendment, propoſed by the Governor, of making the County Levy Bill temporary, the Houſe does not concede to make any Alteration therein.

Ordered, That the other three Bills, which came down with the Governor's Concurrence, *viz.* The Flour Bill, the Bill for a Court-houſe, and that of Summons, be ingroſſed.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration the Governor's Sentiments on the Bill of Fees; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be deferred, for further Conſideration, till next Meeting of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 1ſt Mo. 19.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *Job Goodſon*, return the County Levy Bill to the Governor; and alſo carry the Bill, intituled, *An Act for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp*, and deſire his Concurrence to them; and alſo deliver the Governor a Copy of the Minute relating to the Bridge at *Cheſter*: Who return, and report, they delivered the Bills, with the Copy of the Minute, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he would return the Bills, with what Amendments he had to offer, very ſpeedily.

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1724-25. 1st Mo. 19. Chief Juſtice *Lloyd*, by the Hands of the Speaker, preſented to the Houſe a Vindication of the Legiſlative Power, ſubmitted to the Repreſentatives of all the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, now ſitting in Aſſembly; which was read.

Ordered, That he have the Liberty of this Houſe to print the ſame, which is as follows, *viz.*

A VINDICATION of the LEGISLATIVE POWER; *ſubmitted to the Repreſentatives of all the Freemen of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *now ſitting in* ASSEMBLY.

May it pleaſe this honourable Houſe,

A Vindication of the Legiſlative Power.

HAVING peruſed *James Logan*'s Memorial, and other Papers, lately publiſhed by your Authority, I find the Governor hath vindicated the Powers of our Legiſlature, and the Method you are now in, with ſuch convincing Arguments, urged with ſo much Clearneſs and good Reaſoning, that it ſeems needleſs to ſay any more; yet I hope it will be no Offence to offer ſome legal Authorities to prove what has been ſo excellently advanced in Favour of the Rights and Liberties of the Subject, as well as the regular Powers and Franchiſes of Government in the Points now under Conſideration.

It is evident to me, that the Royal Charter, granted to our late Proprietary *William Penn*, under the Great Seal of *England*, may ſafely be deemed the fundamental Conſtitution of our Legiſlative Authority; by which Charter the late King CHARLES II. in a very gracious and bountiful Manner, was pleaſed to ſignify his Royal Will and Pleaſure in theſe Words, *to wit*, "*That we*, repoſing ſpecial Truſt and Confidence in the Fidelity, Wiſdom, Juſtice, "and provident Circumſpection of the ſaid *William Penn*, for Us, Our Heirs and Succeſ- "ſors, *Do Grant* free, full, and abſolute Power, by Virtue of theſe Preſents, to him and "his Heirs, to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, for the good and happy Govern- "ment of the ſaid Country, to Ordain, Make and Enact; and, under his and their Seals, to "publiſh any Laws whatſoever, for the Raiſing of Money for the publick Uſes of the ſaid "Province, or for any other End, appertaining either unto the Publick State, Peace or "Safety of the ſaid Country, or unto the private Utility of particular Perſons, according un- "to their beſt Diſcretion, *By and with* the Advice, Aſſent, and Approbation of the Free- "men of the ſaid Country, or the greater Part of them, or of their Delegates or Deputies; "*Whom*, for the Enacting of the ſaid Laws, when and as often as Need ſhall require, We "Will, that the ſaid *William Penn*, and his Heirs, ſhall aſſemble in ſuch Sort and Form as to "him and them ſhall ſeem beſt."

By Virtue of this Clauſe, the Proprietary had Power to make Deputies and Lieutenants, in which Caſe (as it is in all other Caſes where a Deputy may be appointed) the Law ſays, he has full Power to do any Act or Thing which his Principal may do; and that is ſo eſſentially incident to a Deputy, that a Man cannot be a Deputy to do any ſingle Act or Thing, nor can a Deputy have leſs Power than his Principal; and if his Principal make him *covenant*, *That he will not do any particular Thing which the Principal may do*, the Covenant is void and repugnant; as if the Under-Sheriff covenant, that he will not execute any Proceſs for more than *Twenty Pounds* without ſpecial Warrant from the High-Sheriff; this is void, becauſe the Under-Sheriff is his Deputy, and the Power of the Deputy cannot be reſtrained to be leſs than that of his Principal, ſave only, that he cannot make a Deputy, becauſe it implies an Aſſignment of his whole Power; all which was adjudged by the Court of King's Bench, the Thirteenth of WILLIAM III. in the Caſe of *Parker* and *Kett*, where the Debate aroſe concerning the Steward of a Manor Court.

The Caſe of the Under-Sheriff, here cited by *Holt*, is reported by the late Lord Chief Juſtice *Hobart* thus, *viz.* If a Sheriff will make an Under-Sheriff, *provided* that he ſhall not ſerve Executions above *Twenty Pounds*, without his ſpecial Warrant, this Proviſo will be void; for though he may chuſe whether he makes an Under-Sheriff at all, or may make him at his Will, and ſo remove wholly, yet he cannot leave him an Under-Sheriff, and yet abridge his Power, *no more than the King may in Caſe of the Sheriff himſelf*: But it was ſaid, that the Caſe here was not ſo; that the Reſtraint of Executions, above *Twenty Pounds*, grew not on the Part of the Sheriff, but on the Part of the Under-Sheriff by his Covenant, which might ſtand for good, notwithſtanding the Repugnancy to his Office; but the Covenant here was holden void, as being againſt Law and Juſtice: For ſince, by being made Under-Sheriff, he is liable, by Law, to execute all Proceſs, he could, no more than the Sheriff himſelf, covenant not to execute Proceſs without another's ſpecial Warrant; for that is to *deny or delay Juſtice*.

This laſt Caſe was that which governed the Opinion of the Council (when Judge *Mompeſſon* aſſiſted) to declare that Part of Colonel *Evans*'s Commiſſion void, which reſerved to the Proprietary the final Aſſent to all ſuch Bills as he paſſed into Laws in this Province: Therefore, I admire how *James Logan* (being not only preſent at thoſe Debates, but either drew up, or copied, and ſigned that ſolemn Reſolution of the Council, and knows how it was approved of by the Aſſembly at the ſame Time) can ſo ſtrenuouſly inſiſt upon the Reſtriction

ſtriction now in Debate, which is as much againſt Law and Juſtice as the Inſtances in the above quoted Caſes could be. 1724-25. 1ſt Mo. 19.

The next Thing obſervable in the above recited Clauſe of the Royal Charter, is the Right and Power of Legiſlation, granted to the Proprietary and his Heirs, and to his and their Deputies and Lieutenants, by and with the Aſſent of the Freemen of this Province; which being expreſſed as amply as any Liberty or Privilege of that Kind can be granted, I am induced to conclude, that, by Virtue of this Grant, there was ſuch a Right originally veſted and become inherent in every Freeman of this Province, as wanted not the Help of any Grant or Charter from the Proprietary to confirm it.

But the Proprietary, purſuant to the ſaid recited Clauſe, made Charters which preſcribed the Form of aſſembling the Freemen to act in Legiſlation after the Modes mentioned in the Memorial; and it may be the People were regardleſs of a new Charter, after the Reſignation of the Firſt, not out of any Liking they had to be convened by Writs, but as the Right of Meeting together to make Laws, was virtually in them by the ſaid Royal Grant; ſo the Form of their Elections and Aſſembling might be ſettled by Law, which was effected afterwards by an Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate Elections, which paſſed in the fourth Year of Queen ANNE's Reign, and ſettled yearly Elections of Repreſentatives in Aſſembly without Writs, and appointed the Time when, and by whom, thoſe Elections ſhould be made; as alſo the Time of the Aſſembly's Meeting, and how they ſhould qualify themſelves to act, chuſe their Speaker, and be Judges of the Qualifications and Elections of their own Members, ſit upon their own Adjournments, appoint Committees, prepare Bills in order to paſs into Laws, impeach Criminals, and redreſs Grievances, *&c.*

By this Law, and laſt Charter (wherein the Proprietary, according to his Right, made one Side of the Agreement, which he could not alter or avoid without the Concurrence of the Parties concerned on the other Side) it is evident, that the whole Legiſlative Authority here is lodged in the Governor and Repreſentatives of the People; and I have met none ſo ſenſeleſs as to ſay, that the Governor is thereby concluded of having a Council to adviſe and aſſiſt in Legiſlation, and other Matters relating to the State; and I have known divers of the Members of that Board very ſerviceable in that Station, and I doubt not may be ſo ſtill; therefore I deſire they may not withdraw from their Service, nor inſiſt upon a Negative to the Acts of thoſe that repreſent them, which, by a reaſonable Conſtruction of the ſaid Law and Charter, is lodged with the Governor, and is ſo veſted in him by his Commiſſion, ſtamped with the Royal Allowance, and Authority of the King's Letters Patent, that the Proprietary could by no Inſtruction, or other Act whatſoever, without the Governor's Conſent, diveſt him of his Right to govern, unleſs by reſuming the Government, or deputing another in his Stead. And if the Governor has given any Bond or Covenant, to obſerve Inſtructions that abridge or reſtrain the Authority granted him by Commiſſion to exerciſe the Powers of Government in this Province, the ſame is void, as appears by the above cited Reſolutions; from whence it may be obſerved how careful the Law is to keep Powers entire, as the beſt Means to preſerve good Order in States and Governments, where no ſuch Abſurdity can be admitted, as to allow the Perſons repreſented to controul the Acts of their Repreſentatives, eſpecially in thoſe Matters which the other Branch of the Legiſlature may think to be reaſonably propoſed.

And altho' the Law declares, that Bonds and Covenants (given to guard the Principal, when he would diminiſh or abridge the Power of his Deputy) are repugnant to his Office, and therefore void, and againſt Law, having a Tendency to deny or delay Juſtice (as in our Caſe) yet, if the Governor came under any Security to obſerve the Direction of the King's Grant, which forbids to depart from the Faith and Allegiance due to the King, or to maintain Correſpondence with his Enemies, or to commit Hoſtility againſt ſuch as are in League with him, or tranſgreſs againſt the Laws of Trade and Navigation, or for diſcharging of his Truſt and Duty in the Adminiſtration of the Government, according to the Purport of the ſaid royal Grant and the Laws and Conſtitutions of this Province; I conceive, that in thoſe Caſes, ſuch Security is binding upon the Governor, and will be moſt effectual and available in Law, unleſs ſome illegal or repugnant Condition be annexed thereunto.

As to the Power of making Ordinances, with the Aſſiſtance of other Perſons than the Peoples Delegates, it appears by the Patent, that thoſe Ordinances cannot be extended, in any Sort, to bind, change or take away, the Right or Intereſt of any Perſon or Perſons for, or in, their Life, Members, Freehold, Goods or Chattels; nor are they directed to be made, except ſudden Accidents happen, whereto it may be neceſſary to apply Remedy, before the Freeholders or their Delegates can be aſſembled to make Laws; beſides, our Law-makers (who ought to have Notice of ſuch Occaſions) may be convened as ſoon as the Magiſtrates and Officers of the reſpective Counties, who are to aſſiſt in making Ordinances; but if the Ordinance-makers ſhould happen to get the Start, yet when the Delegates of the People come together, and acquaint the Governor of their Readineſs to aſſiſt him in the Publick Service of the Government, and to anſwer the Exigences thereof, I think the Power of

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But if the Governor could be prevailed with not to ſummon the Aſſembly upon ſuch Emergency, or, when aſſembled, would not concur with them in what may be for the Publick Good, as the Caſe was, when former Governors, being under an ill Direction, withſtood the Repreſentatives Propoſals and cordial Advice, and (contrary to Law and Charter) ſet up Ordinances inſtead of Laws, to the great Diſſatisfaction of the Aſſemby then attending, who declared themſelves ready and willing to concur in a regular Eſtabliſhment, according to the Laws and Practice of *England*, inſtead of what was impoſed by Ordinance, which highly concerned the Lives, Liberties and Eſtates, of the Subjects; there are divers worthy Members of this Houſe have been well acquainted with theſe Proceedings, and if it were not ſo, yet the Journal of that Time will manifeſt what I hint.

It may do well for the Secretary to conſider, with what Views he acted his Part in that Tragedy; and whether it was not deſigned to render the Peoples Power in Legiſlation uſeleſs; whereby this Country, from a State of Freedom, ſhould be changed into an arbitrary Government, ſubjected to the Power of one Perſon, as the Secretary in another Caſe materially obſerves? I am apt to think, by what I gather from this Memorial, and ſome more of theſe printed Papers, that the ready Way to bring us under this Change, muſt be by enjoyning a Negative upon the Governor and Aſſembly, and checking the Freedom of Communication between them by Speeches and Meſſages, and then get a new Council (for the preſent Members of that honourable Board will not give in to this arbitrary Scheme) who muſt be ſuch as will aſſent to all the Secretary propoſes; and when a Council Board is thus furniſhed, any Body (without much Penetration) may gueſs who that *one Perſon* muſt be.

It is further to be obſerved, that altho' the main Scope of the Memorial is againſt the plain Rules of Law and Juſtice, yet the Author would ſeem to applaud *Engliſh* Government, by King, Lords, and Commons, ſuppoſing that to be the Plan by which the Governments of the King's Plantations are modeled; and from thence, or from the Conceit he has of his own Scheme, he takes Occaſion to undervalue the Frame of our preſent Government, which the late Proprietary, with the Advice and Approbation of the Peoples Delegates, in a moſt ſolemn Manner, ſettled, and of good Purpoſe, and full Intent, lodged the Powers of Legiſlation in the Governor and Repreſentatives of all the Freemen of this Province in General Aſſembly; and not only ſo, but he vents his moſt abuſive Reflections upon former Aſſemblies, and, like an Evil Miniſter, and ungrateful Servant, would inſinuate, that the Proprietary's Intention did not correſpond with the expreſs Words and real Deſign of his Charter of Privileges, and brings this for Inſtance, "That the Proprietary never intended to bind himſelf, "nor ever in Fact did bind himſelf up from a Right to lay his Deputy under Reſtrictions "in Legiſlation." I think this Point is ſo fully cleared by the foregoing Authorities of Law, that it may ſatisfy the Secretary himſelf of the Falſhood of his Poſition; for if it were true (as I believe it is not) that the Proprietary, by his Charter Grants, did not intend to be bound by the Rules of Law (which muſt be the main Support of all his Powers) it would render him inconſiſtent with himſelf, and prove him unworthy of the Truſt and Confidence which the King, by his Royal Grant, repoſed in his Fidelity, Wiſdom, Juſtice, and provident Circumſpection.

I find the Council is taken Notice of in the Charter of Privileges to ſome Purpoſes, but not to ſhare in the Legiſlative Power; yet I know none would be againſt their Advice and Sentiments upon Bills brought up to the Governor; for that they are Men embarked in the ſame Intereſt with the People, and for the moſt Part aim at the Publick Good, but not for the Reaſon given by the Secretary, *to wit*, "That they have as large an Intereſt in the Colony "as the like Number of any others." It is probable he may ſee a Service in the Compariſon, which I cannot penetrate; but, according to my Experience, a mean Man, of ſmall Intereſt, devoted to the faithful Diſcharge of his Truſt and Duty to the Government, may do more Good to the State than a richer or more learned Man, who, by his ill Temper, and aſpiring Mind, becomes an Oppoſer of the Conſtitution by which he ſhould act.

However, ſince an Intereſt in the Colony is pointed out as a Qualification to act for the Good of the Publick, it may be ſuppoſed, that the Members of Aſſembly will think it as reaſonable, that the Governor may be referred to the Approbation of their Houſe, conſiſting of ſome antient Settlers, who have a good Competency, and others, who are deſcended from ſuch as brought conſiderable Eſtates into the Province, and went through great Difficulties in the firſt Settlement of this Wilderneſs, to the Hazard of their Lives and Eſtates, amongſt the *Indian* Natives, and ſpent their Strength and Subſtance in improving the Country, and by their indefatigable Induſtry upon the Land, which you know, would have been of little Worth to the Proprietary or any Body elſe, if divine Providence had not bleſſed the Labours of the firſt Settlers and ſucceeding Inhabitants, who made this City and Province of Value to the Proprietary and his Family, and afforded a Competency to themſelves, who, in

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the Enjoyment thereof, with the additional Favours of Peace and Plenty, under a mild Administration, have great Reaſon to lay the Good of the Publick, and its true Intereſt, as cloſe to Heart as any others. 1724-25. 1ſt Mo. 19.

And if we conſider this, and much more that may be truly ſaid, in Favour of the firſt Adventurers and Settlers of this Province, and obſerve what Regard the King had to them in his Royal Charter, and how they are made Sharers with the Proprietary in the greateſt Rights, Liberties and Privileges, thereby granted, without the leaſt Incroachment upon his Precedency, I think it will clearly appear, that the ſecond Paragraph in the Memorial would have been expreſſed with more Decency and Truth, if the Author had directly allowed the King to be the firſt Founder of this Province, and rendered the Privileges granted, immediately to flow from him (the Fountain of Juſtice) as well to the People as the Proprietary; for it is evident that the King was very well apprized, and ſo was the Draughtsman of that excellent Charter, that this Part of the *Engliſh* Empire could not be enlarged, nor the true Deſign of the Grant anſwered, without due Encouragement to the Adventurers, which was never urged, or wittingly inſiſted on, in Diminution of any Rights, Royalties or Powers, of any Kind, really and truly belonging to, or reſerved by, the Proprietary: Therefore, under theſe, and the like Conſiderations, "The Wiſdom of this Houſe (as the learned Author obſerves to another Purpoſe) will never ſuffer Notions, infuſed into the Populace by deſigning Men, nor any Pretences or Calls, from ſuch Grounds, to be a Rule to their Proceedings, further than thoſe Notions have Truth, Juſtice, and clear Right of their Side."

I cannot leave this Subject without obſerving, that the firſt Purchaſers bought their Lands dear, and came under perpetual Quitrents, which far exceeded what the Proprietaries of the adjacent Provinces required of their Tenants; but when they came to be handled in Secretary *Logan*'s Office, they were told they muſt pay *Half-a-Crown*, or a *Crown*, *Engliſh* Money, for every City Lot for ever, which the Proprietary had freely given to his Purchaſers, expecting, as was thought, but *Twelve-pence Sterling per Annum* for every Hundred Acres of their Lands; and when they came for their Patents, there was a Reſervation of three full and clear fifth Parts of all royal Mines, free from all Deductions and Repriſals, for digging and refining the ſame; whereas the Royal Charter had reſerved but one fifth Part of ſuch Mines, clear of Charges. You may find by your Journal divers other Inſtances of the Secretary's Abuſes, and ill Treatment of the People, to which, for Brevity Sake, I refer.

But in the nineteenth Paragraph of his Memorial he reflects, pretending that the Lieutenant Governor was referred to the Proprietary's Quitrents for his Support. And in the Twenty-ninth Paragraph, he ſays, the Proprietary, in his Abſence, never received one Penny to himſelf or Family, from the Government, tho' others had large Sums. Now if this has any Meaning, it muſt be concluded, that Colonel *Evans* was denied Support, and our preſent Governor has had large Sums from this Government; if ſo, then it plainly ſhews the Difference between acting as a free Agent, in Affirmance of our Conſtitution by Law and Charter, and ſubmitting to an ill Management, deſtructive to the Whole.

I have, by the foregoing Paragraphs, as briefly as I could, conſidered the real State of our Caſe, with Reſpect to the Powers of the King's Letters Patent, with the Law and Charter of the Province, and humbly offer to this honourable Houſe, my real Sentiments upon the Whole, relying upon the Caſes I cited; all which I freely ſubmit to better Judgments. There is ſomething in the latter Part of the Memorial that ſhews an Inclination in the Author, that the Caſe may be fairly and impartially ſtated from all the Grants that can be pleaded; and be referred to ſome of the King's learned Council in Law. For my Part, I wiſh that were done; and indeed if thoſe that formed the late Inſtructions had done ſo, it would have ſaved a great deal of Trouble which they unhappily occaſioned, beſides the ill Blood it bred amongſt many of the Inhabitants.

There are ſome other Things which I could not avoid taking Notice of, as the Memorialiſt's apparent Deſign againſt the Conſtitution of this Government, and Diſregard to the juſt Merit of the firſt Adventurers, who carried on the Adminiſtration of the Government, and firſt Settlement of this Country at their own Charge; as alſo the Slights and Neglect of his Duty toward the preſent Inhabitants, which ſeem to be diffuſed all over his Paper, and ſo are the Imputations that he unfairly throws at former Aſſemblies, which, with the Indignities there offered to our Governor, by an affrontive Treatment, I leave to the Cenſure of this honourable Houſe, where ſuch Matters are properly cognizable; and ſo I conclude, your real Friend,

Philadelphia, the 19th of the Month called *March*, 1724-25. *DAVID LLOYD.*

The Members appointed the ſixteenth Inſtant, according to Order, brought in a Remonſtrance to Widow *Penn*'s private Inſtructions; which being read, and amended,

Reſolved, That the ſame be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be ſent Home; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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1724-25. The Houſe met, *&c.*

1ſt Mo. 19. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent to the Houſe, for their Peruſal, additional Inſtructions from the King; and alſo returned the County Levy Bill, with ſome further Amendments offered to the Houſe; which were read, and conceded to, and inſerted in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That *John Parry*, and *Eliſha Gatchell*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto, as now amended; and alſo aſk the Governor, whether he has conſidered the Bill for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp? Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bill, which he was pleaſed to return to the Houſe with his Concurrence thereto; and further ſaid, that he would return the Bill for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp this Evening or To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the County Levy Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1ſt Mo. 20. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor returned the Bill for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp, with one ſmall Amendment propoſed, which was conceded to.

Ordered, That the ſame be ingroſſed.

He likewiſe ſent down a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing Obſtructions to the Navigations of* Cheſter *Creek, and other navigable Creeks and Rivers in this Province*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered the ſecond Reading be referred till the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

The Bills whoſe Titles follow, *viz.* An Act to prevent the Exportation of Bread and Flour not merchantable; an Act to enable *Jeremiah Langhorne*, &c. to build a new Courthouſe and Priſon, in the County of *Bucks*; an Act for raiſing County Rates and Levies; an Act to regulate the Practice upon Writs of Summons and Arreſt; and an Act for continuing the Bounty upon Hemp, being ingroſſed,

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *John Kearſley*, *Thomas Treſs*, *William Webb*, and *Joſeph Fell*, wait on the Governor with the ſaid Bills, to know when he will pleaſe to appoint a Committee of the Council to examine the ſame: Who return and report, at Two a Clock he will appoint two Members of Council to attend for that Purpoſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

Robert Aſheton, and *William Fiſhbourn*, Members of Council, attending,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, be a Committee to join the ſaid Commitee of Council to examine the ingroſſed Bills; which being done,

Ordered, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *Benjamin Jones*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know when the Houſe ſhall attend him with the ſaid ingroſſed Bills, in order to have them paſſed into Laws: Who return, and report, he will ſend a Meſſage to the Houſe immediately.

Then a Motion was made about the Orders of Payments to be iſſued for Support of Government.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, on the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Payment of *Seven Hundred Pounds* to the Governor for his preſent Support.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that an Order be iſſued for the remaining *Three Hundred Pounds*, payable in four Months? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Which ſaid Orders were made and ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be preſented to the Governor with the Bills.

A Meſſage from the Governor, that he is ready to receive the Houſe.

Then the Speaker, with the whole Houſe, went to wait on the Governor with the ingroſſed Bills; and, being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had given his Aſſent to, and paſſed into Laws, the ſaid five Bills before particularly mentioned, and thanked the Houſe for the Support they had thought fit to allow him.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, go to the Roll's Office, and ſee the Great-Seal affixed to the ſaid Laws: Who return, and report, that they did ſee the Great Seal affixed to them accordingly.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Francis Rawle*, and *Job Goodſon*, take Care to ſend the Remonſtrance to the Widow *Penn*.

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon*, and *Thomas Treſs*, be a Committee of Accounts.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, reviſe the Minutes; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ninth Day of *Auguſt* next.

1725. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

6th Mo. 9. *Ordered*, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Job Goodſon*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him, that the Houſe being met, deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.* 1725.

The Members appointed laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that he has ſomething to communicate to the Houſe, which he will lay before them by Eleven a Clock this Morning. *6th Mo.* 10.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Week's Sitting of this Aſſembly be read, which was done accordingly.

The Committee appointed to examine and ſettle the Accounts of the Treaſurer and Collector, delivered in at the Table their Report in Writing, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

WE the Committee of Aſſembly appointed to examine and ſettle the Publick Acconnts, report, That we have examined the Accounts of *Charles Read*, Collector of the Exciſe, and find the Amount thereof, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, from the 26th of *December*, 1724, to the 14th of *May* following, is the Sum of —	£ 258	9 6
For the County of *Bucks* for the ſame Time, —	33	8 5½
For the County of *Cheſter*, from the 14th of *Auguſt*, 1724, to the 14th of *May*, 1725, —	64	15 3
Balance due from the ſaid Collector to the Provincial Treaſurer, *December* 26, 1724,. — —	293	17 5
	£ 650	10 7¼
And he has paid the Provincial Treaſurer, —	315	8 0
His Commiſſions on *Three Hundred* and *Fifty-ſix Pounds, Thirteen Shillings*, and *Two-pence*, at *Ten Pounds per Cent.*	35	13 3¼
Allowed him to Diſcount, by Virtue of the Bounty Act, which he may keep in his Hands for the enſuing Years, from the 14th of *May*, 1725, —	100	0 0
Caſh he paid Dr. *Thomas Græme* for Spirits diſtilled here and tranſported, — — —	5	9 0
Diſcounted for Liquors not drawn, charged in the laſt Account, — — —	3	18 1
And for *John Bettinſon*, and *William Hunt*, inſolvent, charged before, — — —	4	11 9
Remaining due from the Collector to the Provincial Treaſury, *May* 14, 1725, — —	185	10 5¼
	£ 650	10 7¼
We have alſo examined the ſaid Officer's Account of Bounty for Hemp raiſed in this Province, and do find he hath paid Bounty for three Thouſand two Hundred and Forty-five Pounds of Hemp ſince the 26th of *December*, 1724, to the 14th of *May*, 1725, which, at *One Penny per Pound*, amounts to,	13	10 5
His Commiſſions at *Twelve-pence per Cent.* —	1	12 6
Storage for this Year, — — —	2	0 0
	£ 17	2 11
Remaining due from the Collector to the Provincial Treaſury, *December* 26, 1724, — —	19	0 3¼
And Allowance for to pay the Bounty for the enſuing Year, from the 14th of *May*, 1725, which he has diſcounted out of the Exciſe Account, — —	100	0 0
Sum Total,	£ 119	0 3¼
From which deducting the above Payments for Bounty, amounts to, — — —	17	2 11
There remains in the Officers Hands, to the 14th of *May*, 1725, — — —	£ 101	17 4¼
We have alſo ſettled the Accounts of *Samuel Preſton*, Provincial Treaſurer (excluſive of the Bills of Credit to be ſunk as the Law directs) and find by the laſt Account ſettled with the Committee of Aſſembly the 4th of *January*, 1724-25, there remains due to the Province from the ſaid Treaſurer, the Sum of,	230	15 2

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	Brought over,	£ 230	15	2	
1725. 6th Mo, 10.	And that he hath received of *Charles Read*, Collector of Excise, — — —	315	8	0	
	And from the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, —	900	0	0	
				£	1446 3 2
	Towards which he has paid *per* ſundry Orders of Aſſembly, iſſued ſince the laſt Settlement with him by the Committee the 4th of *January*, to the 25th of *July*, 1725,	1151	0	0	
	Commiſſions at *Five Pounds per Cent.*	57	11	0	
	Balance remaining in his Hands, due to the Province, to the 25th of *July*, 1725, — —	237	12	2	
				£	1446 3 2

We ſhould have proceeded further to ſettle the Accounts of the Loan-Office with the Truſtees, and ſink the proportionable Part of the Bills of Credit, as the Law directs, and alſo to examine the County Treaſurer's Accounts, but having no Direction to the former, and the latter unable, by the Neglect of the proper Officers not ſigning the Duplicate of the Aſſeſſment, which hinders the Collection thereof, have deferred them till the next Meeting of the Aſſembly, when we ſhall wait their further Orders and Direction. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by

Philadelphia, Auguſt 5, 1725.

JOB GOODSON,
THOMAS TRESS.

Then a Debate aroſe about the Balance of Account due from *Owen Roberts* (late Collector) to the Province; and, after ſome Conſideration thereon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee go to the Treaſurer, and know of him what he has done in that Affair, and why he has not drawn the ſaid Money out of his Hands, purſuant to a former Order of Aſſembly.

Then a Debate aroſe about an Article, in the preſent Collector's Account, relating to two Inſolvents;

Ordered, That the ſame Committee make Inquiry of the ſaid Collector into the Circumſtances of the ſaid Inſolvents, and how it came to paſs that they were not proſecuted before they were ſo far in Arrears.

Then, upon a Motion made, a Debate aroſe about the Impoſt upon *Negroes*, and 'tis ordered that the ſame Committee demand from the Officers an Account thereof.

A Meſſage from the Governor, deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, with the whole Houſe immediately at the Court-houſe; then they waited upon the Governor accordingly, and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy whereof he was preſented with, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'I AM heartily glad of this Opportunity to congratulate with you upon his Majeſty's 'moſt gracious Condeſcenſion and great Goodneſs to the People of this Province, by ra- 'tifying in ſo ample a Manner the late Act of our Aſſembly for further Eaſe to Perſons of 'ſcrupulous and tender Conſciences; and I cannot on this Occaſion but exhort you to uſe 'your beſt Endeavours, in the ſeveral Counties amongſt the People whom you repreſent, in 'order to make them truly ſenſible of the ſingular Favours and happy Repoſe which they 'ſecurely enjoy under the Influence of his preſent Majeſty's moſt auſpicious Reign.

'Surely ſo great an Example from the Throne, muſt contribute very much to raiſe and 'confirm in our Minds, that univerſal Charity, Forbearance and brotherly Love, which we 'always ought to be exerciſing towards one another; and this leads me to put you in mind of 'a Bill, which now lies before you, in Behalf of ſome Proteſtants from the *Palatinate* and 'other Parts of *Germany*, who having a great Deſire to enjoy equally with us the ineſtima- 'ble Benefits of an *Engliſh* Government, under the Reign of ſo good and gracious a Prince, 'have tranſported themſelves and their Families from *Europe*, at a conſiderable Charge, in 'order to ſettle in this Province, and have beſought me, in the humbleſt Manner, to pro- 'cure for them, by your Aſſiſtance, the common Privilege of Naturalization, on the 'ſame Terms upon which it has been uſually granted in *England*, and other of his Maje- 'ſty's Colonies to foreign Proteſtants.

'I ſhould be very glad if the Seaſon of the Year would permit you, at this Juncture, to 'beſtow a little Time in conſidering of ſome proper Methods effectually to maintain and 'ſupport the Credit of your Paper Currency, by encouraging the Exportation of the Coun- 'try Product to proper Markets Abroad, and favouring our own Manufactures, and the 'moſt beneficial Returns for Remittance to *England*; which, could they be rendered

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'more frequent and eaſy, the preſent exorbitant Exchange would be thereby reduced to the old equal Standard of one Third; and conſequently, the now extravagant Price which is demanded in the Stores for *European* Goods would alſo abate in Proportion to the Exchange. 1725. *6th Mo.* 10.

'I obſerve ſome ingenious diſintereſted Perſon, bearing an apparent Goodwill to the Proſperity of this Province, has lately publiſhed ſome very uſeful Thoughts relating to the further Improvement of our Product and Commerce: I am of Opinion, that ſuch generous Views deſerve to be encouraged, and will become a very proper Subject for the Deliberation of this and future Aſſemblies; and if, by any decent Repreſentation to the Court or Parliament of *Great-Britain*, we can reaſonably propoſe to advance the Trade of this and the neighbouring Provinces, by ſuch Means as ſhall appear to be perfectly conſiſtent with the true Intereſt of our Mother-Country, I ſhall not only be ready to give all the Aſſiſtance that is in my Power, but alſo uſe my beſt Endeavours to engage our good Neighbours to concur with us in ſuch Things as evidently tend to our mutual Advantage, and the Proſperity of the *Britiſh* Trade in general.'

Auguſt 10. 1725. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to the Afternoon for further Conſideration.

The Committee appointed to remit Home the Remonſtrance to the Widow *Penn*, *&c.* report, that they have ſent the ſame by two different Opportunities.

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon*, *Thomas Treſs*, *William Webb*, and *Abraham Chapman*, be a Committee to audit the Accounts of the General Loan-Office, and ſink all the Bills of Credit appointed to be ſunk, according to the Direction of the two reſpective Acts for emitting of Bills of Credit; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Speech of this Morning being read by Paragraphs, that Part relating to the Bill for Naturalization of Foreigners came under the Conſideration of the Houſe; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, *Thomas Treſs*, and *William Webb*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are no ways inclined to proceed any further upon the Bill, except ſuch Foreigners firſt qualify themſelves as the Law in thoſe Caſes directs.

The Petition of *Jonathan Dickinſon*, ſetting forth, that he, at a great Charge, had built a Bridge over *Frankford* Creek, to accommodate himſelf and others, which had been repreſented injurious to ſome Perſons, *&c.* and praying that the ſame may be tolerated and indulged, as far as Reaſon and Juſtice will allow; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; as likewiſe a View of the ſaid Creek, by ſeveral Subſcribers thereunto, dated in *May*, 1722.

The Petition of *William Chancellor*, ſetting forth, that he had Leave to bring in a Bill to this Aſſembly for erecting a Powder-houſe; but inaſmuch as the Place was objected againſt by ſundry Perſons, he, to obviate thoſe Complaints, has ſince purchaſed a Piece of Ground more ſuitable, and leſs ſubject to Objections, *&c.* and praying the ſaid Bill may be forwarded, with proper Amendments; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 11.

The Members appointed laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order, and that the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, that inaſmuch as the Houſe is not inclined to paſs the ſaid Bill, as it now ſtands; he expects it ſhould be returned, with their propoſed Amendments, in the ſame Method as Bills ſent up from the Houſe to him; and that thoſe Minors, mentioned in the Bill, may be allowed to qualify themſelves as they reſpectively come to Age, and not put to the Hardſhip of continually petitioning; and that he does not ſtrictly inſiſt on the Method of Qualification, whether before or after the Bill paſſes, in reſpect to thoſe that are of Age.

Upon which the Houſe went into a farther Debate on the ſaid Bill; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, and *Anthony Morris*, return the ſaid Bill to the Governor, and inform him, that the Houſe inſiſts upon thoſe *Palatines* firſt qualifying themſelves, according as the Law in thoſe Caſes directs; and agrees that the Minors have Liberty to qualify as they reſpectively come to Age, as the Bill laid before the Houſe by the Governor doth provide; but conſidering the Houſe inclines to ſit no longer than this Week, and that it is not poſſible for the ſaid Perſons to be qualified within ſo ſhort a Time, therefore this Houſe humbly requeſts the Governor to leave the ſaid Bill to the next Aſſembly.

The Minute of the Seventeenth of *March* laſt, relating to a Bill for erecting a Powder-houſe, being read; and alſo *William Chancellor*'s Petition concerning the ſame; the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the ſaid Bill, which being read, and debated, divers Amendments were agreed to be made.

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Ordered, That the ſame be committed to *John Parry*, and *John Croſby*; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

6th Mo. 11. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members, appointed this Morning, on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and that the Governor received the Bill, and ſaid he would keep the ſame, in order to lay before the next Aſſembly.

The Committee to whom the Bill for the better Securing the City of *Philadelphia* from the Danger of Gun-powder was committed, delivered in at the Table the ſame, with the Amendments inſerted; which being read, were agreed to.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill paſs into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed, in order to lay before the Governor.

Upon reading a Minute of the Eighteenth of *March* laſt paſt, the Houſe entered into a Debate upon the Bill of Fees, and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Adjournment. *6th Mo.* 12.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be referred to the next Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Upon a Motion made, the Houſe took into Conſideration the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing Obſtructions to the Navigation of* Cheſter *Creek, and other navigable Creeks, and Rivers in this Province*, which was referred to this Sitting of Aſſembly for a ſecond Reading; which was accordingly read the ſecond Time.

Ordered, That the Petition of *Jonathan Dickinſon* be read.

Ordered, That a Petition of divers Inhabitants againſt Bridges over navigable Creeks, preſented to the laſt Aſſembly, be read, which ſaid Petitions were accordingly read and conſidered.

Then a Debate aroſe about *Cheſter* Bridge; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bridge be a Draw-bridge? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That Perſons who uſe the ſaid Creek with Maſt Veſſels, draw up the ſaid Bridge when they have Occaſion to paſs through.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Securing the City of* Philadelphia, *&c.* being tranſcribed and examined,

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That *Morris Morris*, and *Matthew Hughes*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to carry the Bill for the better Securing the City, *&c.* to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame, according to Order; and he was pleaſed to ſay, he would give it all poſſible Diſpatch.

The Governor, by his Secretary, delivered a Meſſage in Writing to the Houſe, which being read, is as follows, *viz.*

Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'AT the Inſtance of a great many Merchants and Traders of this City, I do recommend to your ſerious Conſideration, the manifold Inconveniencies that daily happen from the unjuſt and unreaſonable Difference that is made between the Paper Currency of the Counties upon *Delaware*, under this Government, and that of the neighbouring Province.

'And ſince I can give you the greateſt Aſſurance imaginable, that neither myſelf, nor the Repreſentatives of the ſaid Counties, have the leaſt Inclination or Purpoſe to ſtrike any more Paper in that Part of the Government, I hope you will the more eaſily find out a proper Remedy for redreſſing this very ſenſible Grievance, by giving the ſmall Remainder of that Currency a Credit in your Loan-Office, on ſuch Terms and Conditions to be performed by the Aſſembly below, as you ſhall think to be juſt and equitable in the Caſe: For I am of the Opinion, with many others, that the late Obſtruction of the *New-Caſtle* Currency has more ſenſibly touch'd and affected the Intereſt of Trade in this Province than any other whatſoever, and therefore I think it is high Time for us to put an effectual Stop to ſuch a growing Evil.'

WILLIAM KEITH.

The Petition of ſundry Merchants, and others, of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the great Inconveniencies that have attended the Diſtinction which is made betwixt the Paper Currency of this Province, and that of the Lower Counties, *&c.* and praying that it may be made a lawful Tender in the Loan-Office of this Province; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing Obſtructions to the Navigation of* Cheſter *Creek, and other navigable Creeks and Rivers in this Province*, was read the third Time. 1725. 6th Mo. 12.

Then a Motion was made, that a Clauſe be inſerted in the ſaid Bill, allowing *Jonathan Dickinſon*'s Bridge, built over *Frankford* Creek, to be made by him into a Draw-bridge; and, after Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to the ſame Members, to inſert a Clauſe for that Purpoſe; and the ſaid Bill was re-committed accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

6th Mo. 13.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members to whom the Bill was recommitted laſt Night, delivered in at the Table the ſame, with the ſaid Clauſe inſerted, which being read was agreed to.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Governor's written Meſſage of Yeſterday was read again.

The Petition about the Lower County Bills of Credit, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, and *Anthony Morris*, draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's written Meſſage of the twelfth Inſtant.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that the Proprietary having purchaſed of the Natives all the Lands, within certain Bounds, *&c.* and that the Proprietary did, afterwards, releaſe back to ſome of the ſaid Natives a certain Tract of Land upon *Brandy-wine*, which ſaid Land is lately taken up and ſettled, to the great Diſturbance of ſaid Natives, *&c.* and praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into their Conſideration; was read, and ordered to be conſidered in the Afternoon.

Then this Houſe was given to underſtand, that the Heads of the ſaid *Indians*, Complainants, deſire to attend the Houſe in Perſon, to ſet forth their Aggrievance.

Ordered, That they wait on the Houſe at Three a Clock this Afternoon, with their Interpreters.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing Obſtructions to the Navigation of* Cheſter *Creek*, &c. being tranſcribed and examined,

Ordered, That *Morris Morris*, and *Eliſha Gatchell*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Secretary brought back the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Securing the City of* Philadelphia *from the Danger of Gun-powder*; and an Act for the better preventing Obſtructions to the Navigation, *&c.* with ſundry Amendments propoſed.

The *Indians*, ordered to attend this Afternoon, waited at the Door, deſiring to be heard: Then Chairs being placed for them, they were called in; and the *Speaker*, in Behalf of the Houſe, ſaid,

The Houſe has had Information that you have been with the Governor and Commiſſioners already; have you received Satisfaction?

Indian, per Interpreter, *We have not.*

Speaker, What is it then that you have to offer to the Houſe?

Indian, *When* William Penn *firſt came to this Country, he ſettled a perpetual Friendſhip with us; and after we ſold him our Country, he re-conveyed back a certain Tract of Land, upon* Brandy-wine, *for a Mile on each Side the ſaid Creek, and to a certain Place up the ſame Creek, which ſaid Writing was, by the Burning of a Cabin, deſtroy'd; but we all very well remember the Contents thereof: That* William Penn *promiſed that we ſhould not be moleſted whilſt one* Indian *lived, grew old, and blind, and died; ſo another, to the third Generation, that is (in the Way of expreſſing it) from Generation to Generation: And now it is not Half the Age of an old Man ſince, and we are moleſted, and our Land ſurveyed out, and ſettled, before we can reap our Corn off. And, to our great Injury,* Brandy-wine *Creek is ſo obſtructed with Dams, that the Fiſh cannot come up to our Habitation. We deſire you to take Notice, that we are a poor People, and want the Benefit of the Fiſh; for when our Men are out a Hunting, our Children, with their Bows and Arrows, uſed to get Fiſh for their Suſtenance; therefore we deſire, that thoſe Dams may be removed, that the Fiſh may have their natural Courſe.*

Speaker, How did you underſtand that Writing to be, that you ſhould enjoy that Land for ever?

Indian, *Not only we, but all the* Indians *underſtood it to be theirs as long as the Water run down that Creek.*

Speaker, Have you any Thing more to ſay?

Indian, *No: But if you hear us not, we ſhall be obliged to come again next Spring.*

Speaker, The Houſe is inclined to do you all the Favour lies in their Power.

1725. Indian, *We hope we are all very good Friends, and desire to continue so as long as we draw Breath.*

6th Mo. 13. Then the *Indians* withdrew; and, after some Debate,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearsley*, and *John Swift*, go to *James Logan*, one of the Commissioners of Property, and inform him of the Substance of the said Petition and Matter complained of by the *Indians*: Who being returned, report, that the said Commissioner shews a very hearty Inclination to accommodate the Affair with the *Indians*; and tho' their Right does not appear so clear, yet they are possest with such strong Notions of it, that there is no diverting them off it; and therefore he is ready to do what he can, to quiet their Complaints, by granting the Person who possesses the said Land, other Land in the Stead thereof.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Kearsley*, draw up an Address to the Governor in Behalf of those *Indians*.

Then the House went upon the Consideration of the Amendments proposed by the Governor to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Securing the City of* Philadelphia *from the Danger of Gun-powder*, and agreed to all the said Amendments.

Resolved, That the said Bill, with the Amendments, pass.

Then the House proceeded to the Governor's Amendment to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better preventing Obstructions to the Navigation of* Chester *Creek*, &c. and, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the said Amendment be conceded to? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That the said Bill, with that Amendment, pass.

Ordered, That the said two Bills be ingrossed.

The Members appointed this Morning to draw up an Answer to the Governor's written Message of Yesterday, brought in the same; which being read, was agreed to, and

Adjournment. *Ordered*, To be transcribed; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

6th Mo. 14. The House met, *&c.*

The Address brought in last Night being transcribed, is as follows, *viz.*

May it please the GOVERNOR,

Assembly's Address to the Governor. *AS a free Intercourse of Trade has all along (till of late) subsisted between the Inhabitants of this Province and those of* New-Castle, Kent, *and* Sussex, *mutually supposed by a clear Sense of Duty and Interest, being under the same Proprietary and Governor, and settled upon the same River, differing neither in Religion, Policy, Trade or Produce, which may very justly stile us Inhabitants of the same Port, and consequently Counties, whose Interests are inseparable.*

And as the Governor has been pleased to recommend to our serious Consideration the manifold Inconveniencies that daily happen from the late Obstruction of the New-Castle *Currency in this Province, we cannot but acknowledge our sorrowful Sense of the same, and wish that those Persons, concerned in the Trade of each Government, who once had it in their Power (as we conceive) to have kept that Currency to the Value it first bore amongst us, which was equal to our own; or, that by some timely and more seasonable Means it had been put out of their Power to have acted so opposite to Duty, Interest, and good Neighbourhood.*

But as this Assembly will be so soon succeeded by a new One, and our Intent of Meeting at this Time being no other than to finish what we could not possibly put an End to at our last Sitting; we therefore shall crave the Governor's Leave, that this weighty Affair, which so worthily deserves more Time and Deliberation to fully effect than we possibly can promise to ourselves, may be left to a more seasonable Opportunity, at which Time also, that which the Governor has some time before recommended to this House relating to the further promoting of Trade, may, as a Matter of Importance, be better considered.

Signed by Order of the House,

August 14, 1725. WILLIAM BILES, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Morris Morris*, and *Thomas Chandler*, present the same to the Governor; and likewise carry the two ingrossed Bills for his Concurrence, and desire to know when he will please to order some Members of Council to join a Committee of this House to examine them: Who return, and report, the Governor agrees to the said Bills, and received the Address very kindly; and that he will appoint two Members of Council to wait on the House, at two a Clock this Afternoon, to examine the said two Bills.

Then the Members appointed Yesterday in the Afternoon to draw up an Address to the Governor, in Behalf of the *Indians*, brought in the same, which was read, and agreed to.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the same be transcribed; and then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

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1725. 6th Mo. 14. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Then two Members of Council, appointed by the Governor to examine the two Bills, came to the Houſe.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Anthony Morris*, be a Committee to join the ſaid Members of Council for that Purpoſe.

The Bills being examined,

Ordered, That *Benjamin Jones*, and *John Parry*, wait upon the Governor, and deſire to know when the Speaker, with the Houſe, ſhall attend, in order to have theſe two Bills paſſed into Laws: Who being returned, report, that he is ready to receive them immediately at his own Houſe. Then the Speaker, and whole Houſe, waited on the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to paſs into Laws the ſaid two ingroſſed Bills; and that *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *Thomas Treſs*, were appointed to go to the Rolls Office, to ſee the Great-Seal of the Province affixed to them: Who return, and report, that the Seal was accordingly affixed to the ſaid Laws in their Preſence.

The Addreſs to the Governor, in Behalf of the *Indians*, according to Order, being tranſcribed, is as follows, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs to the Governor.

AS next to divine Providence the Peace, Happineſs and Quietneſs, which this Province firſt enjoyed, was owing to the wiſe Conduct of the Honourable William Penn, *our Proprietary and Governor, by procuring a good Friendſhip betwixt him and the native* Indians *at his firſt Arrival here; ſo by a diligent Care in cultivating and preſerving the like Friendſhip, the great Happineſs of Peace has been hitherto enjoyed amongſt us, when divers of the neighbouring Colonies have been obnoxious to the Inſults of the barbarous* Indians, *to the great Damage of their Countries.*

And as the Governor's Care, and indefatigable Pains, on all Occaſions, has been very conſpicuous to that good End, this Houſe do addreſs themſelves on an unhappy Diſſatisfaction ſome Indians *are under (who have always lived very peaceable amongſt the Inhabitants of this Province) from an Opinion they are like to be diſpoſſeſſed of ſome Lands they have long lived on and enjoyed, on the River* Brandy-Wine; *as alſo for being deprived of the Benefit of Fiſhing upon the ſaid River; all which they have, by perſonal Complaint, laid before this Houſe.*

And the Houſe having taken into ſerious Conſideration the fatal Conſequence it may be to the Peace of this Province, have repreſented the ſame to James Logan, *one of the Commiſſioners of Property, who has given the Houſe ample Satisfaction of his Intentions to accommodate the Difference with the ſaid* Indians, *ſo far as it is in his Power to do. And we are fully ſatisfied (were it not for a Purchaſe made of ſome Part of thoſe Lands by* Nathaniel Newlin, *and his too wilful Reſolution to hold and ſettle the ſame) this Part of the Difference relating to the pretended Incroachments upon their Lands, would be immediately ſilenced: And notwithſtanding this Obſtacle, we have Reaſon to believe, that* Nathaniel Newlin *will, in a very ſhort Time, become ſenſible, that it will be as much his own private Intereſt, as of the Province in general, to be more condeſcending in this Affair.*

But whereas there are Dams or Wares which do obſtruct the Paſſing up of Fiſh to the Place where the ſaid Indians *are ſettled, without the Verge of this Government, this Houſe doth humbly requeſt the Governor, that he will be pleaſed to exert his Authority in ſuch Manner as he ſhall think proper for quieting and ſatisfying the ſaid* Indians, *and preſerving the antient Friendſhip betwixt them and the Inhabitants of this Province; and herein we alſo have that Confidence as to hope, that the Government of* New-Caſtle, Kent *and* Suſſex, *will ſo far think it conducing to their Peace and Quiet, that they will not fail to do what is needful on their Part, for the full ſettling and compoſing this Diſſatisfaction.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

Auguſt 14, 1725. WILLIAM BILES, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Thomas Chandler*, and *Eliſha Gatchell*, preſent the ſame to the Governor: Who return, and report, they delivered the ſaid Addreſs, according to Order; and that the Governor having peruſed the ſame, ſaid, he was entirely of the Opinion of the Houſe; and that he and his Council would uſe their utmoſt Endeavour to ſatisfy theſe *Indians*; and that he was going down to *New-Caſtle*, where he would order the Perſons concerned to remove

1725. move thoſe Dams complained of; which, if they did not do, he would give Orders to the King's Attorney to proſecute them, and oblige them thereto by due Courſe of Law.

6th Mo. 14. The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Loan Office, and ſink the proportionable Parts of the Sums of Money lett out upon Loan; as likewiſe the Accounts of City and County Treaſurers, and ſink the proportionable Parts of ſaid Sums ſo lent, &c. brought in their Report, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Philadelphia, Auguſt 14, 1725.

WE the Committee appointed by the Aſſembly to ſink the Paper Credit, or Currency, and audit and ſettle the Accounts with the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, do report, that we have applied ourſelves to that Service, and have taken the Numbers of thoſe Bills of all the ſeveral Denominations (as many as were poſſible to be taken) each Currency diſtinct, the *Fifteen Thouſand Pound* Bills, and *Thirty Thouſand Pound* Bills, each apart; and have, *bona Fide*, burnt and ſunk, chiefly of the old Currency Bills, the Sum of *Two Thouſand* and *Fifty-five Pounds*, *Four Shillings*; and have left in the Hands of ſaid Truſtees, a conſiderable Quantity of the beſt Bills of the new Currency for the Exchanging of old worn Bills; and to be ſunk, as the Law directs, the Sum of *Six Hundred Fifty-nine Pounds*, *Eighteen Shillings*, and *Six-pence*; and there is alſo a Balance due from the ſaid Truſtees, accruing by the Intereſts of the ſaid Currency, the Sum of *Two Hundred Forty-three Pounds*, *Four Shillings*, and *Seven-pence Half-penny*; which makes the whole Balance of ſaid Truſtees Account the Sum of *Seven Hundred* and *Sixty-ſeven Pounds*, *Ten Shillings*, and *Seven-pence Half-penny*.

The Aſſembly being reſolved to break up this Week, the Committee could not poſſibly attend the Sinking the Sums of Bills of Credit due this Year from the County of *Philadelphia*, *Bucks* and *Cheſter*; and alſo what is due from the Provincial Treaſury and City of *Philadelphia*; therefore it is left to a Committee of a ſucceeding Aſſembly. All which is ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by us,

JOB GOODSON, WILLIAM WEBB,
THOMAS TRESS, ABRAHAM CHAPMAN.

The Committee appointed the tenth Inſtant to ſpeak with the Treaſurer, &c. report, that they had done according to Order, and that the Treaſurer had received *One Hundred Pounds* from the Collector, *Owen Roberts*, ſince laſt Settlements; and as the Debt is in a Way of leſſening, he will take all the Care poſſible to forward and complete the ſame. And the ſaid Committee report, the Order of the ſame Date, about ſome Debtors returned inſolvent by the preſent Collector of Exciſe in his Account, and alſo the Order of the ſame Date, to enquire into the Account of Impoſt upon *Negroes*, being given them at a Time when they were engaged in ſinking the Bills of Credit, &c. they had not Time to enquire into the ſame.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Anthony Morris*, and *Job Goodſon*, be appointed a Committee to examine the Minutes of the Aſſembly, and that the Clerk afterwards make out a fair Copy, to lie in the Cheſt, and that the Speaker ſign the ſame.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

At

At an ASSEMBLY *held in* Philadelphia, *the Fourteenth Day of* October, Anno Domini, 1725.

The Names of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, elected to ſerve in Aſſembly for the enſuing Year, according to the Returns of the Sheriffs of the reſpective Counties, *viz.*

Philadelphia *County.*	Bucks *County.*	Cheſter *County.*
Evan Owen,	*Jeremiah Langhorne,*	*Thomas Chandler,*
Matthias Holſton,	*William Biles,*	*David Lloyd,*
Francis Rawle,	*Joſeph Fell,*	*William Webb,*
Anthony Morris,	*Abraham Chapman,*	*John Wright,*
John Swift,	*Chriſtian Vanhorne,*	*Samuel Hollingſworth,*
Job Goodſon,	*Matthew Hughes,*	*William Puſey,*
Edward Farmar,	*Benjamin Jones,*	*George Aſheton,*
L. C. Sprogle.	*Thomas Watſon.*	*William Paſchall.*

City of Philadelphia.
John Kearſley, *Thomas Treſs.*

A QUORUM of the Repreſentatives being met, as the Law and Charter of Privileges directs, proceeded to chooſe their Speaker, and *David Lloyd*, Eſq; was choſen Speaker of this Aſſembly, *Nemine Contradicente*, and was placed in the Chair. 1725. *8th Mo.* 14.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor, to acquaint him that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, have choſe their Speaker, and deſire to know when he will pleaſe to be attended by the Houſe, in order to preſent him; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *8th Mo.* 15.

The Members ſent laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he ſhould be ready betwixt Ten and Eleven a Clock this Morning; and that he would ſend a Meſſage when he is ready to receive the Houſe.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, expects the Attendance of the Houſe, at the Court-Houſe, immediately: And then the Members went to wait on the Governor, to preſent their Speaker; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, they had attended the Governor; who was pleaſed to approve of their Choice, *&c.* and that he had made a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which was preſented him; which being delivered by the Speaker at the Table, was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'IF my Services for ſome Years have been acceptable to the Country, no Doubt but you will think it juſt and reaſonable, at this Juncture, to give ſome effectual and convincing Proofs of your Satisfaction with my Conduct, and then perhaps ſome People will have the Pleaſure to know, that I never did, nor never will, uſe any Means to hold the Adminiſtration of this Government any longer than I found was acceptable and agreeable unto you, and the Body of People whom you repreſent.

'As to other Buſineſs, I am ſo much intereſted in, and heartily concerned for, the Publick Good and Welfare of this Province, that I think I ought to loſe no Time in laying before you ſuch Matters as ſeem to call upon your Attention, whenſoever you think fit to conſider them.

'In the firſt Place then, it is neceſſary you ſhould know, that I have late and certain Advices from *London*, which aſſure me, that very reſtleſs Endeavours are uſed by one or two buſy Perſons, now there, to have the two Acts of our Aſſembly, for emitting a Paper Currency, repealed: And what Confuſion and Diſtraction ſuch an unhappy Event would at this Time of Day bring upon the Country, you are beſt able to judge. It is however, I conceive, my Duty on this Occaſion, to repreſent unto you the abſolute Neceſſity that there is for ſome Perſon to take Care of your Intereſts at the Court of *Great-Britain*; and that this Province cannot any other Way be defended from the malicious Craft of ſome

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'underhand Projectors, but by the Aſſembly's appointing a ſkilful and active Agent at 'Home, under their own proper Direction, from whom they may at all Times be truly in- 'formed of the State of their Affairs, and by whom they may expect to be defended againſt 'ſuch Attacks upon the general Intent of the People whom they repreſent; and this I 'judge will be moſt effectually done by an Act of Aſſembly, wherein the Money yearly 'to be paid by the Publick Treaſurer, for the Encouragement and Support of ſuch an uſe- 'ful Officer, ought to be preferred to all Charges of Government whatſoever.

'The next Thing I ſhall mention for the Benefit of this Province, is, to provide a ſuit- 'able Encouragement by Law for promoting a Fiſhery; for when we conſider the great 'Variety and vaſt Quantity of valuable Fiſh which may ſo eaſily be caught at Sea about 'the Cape, and in the Bay and River of *Delaware*, it is evident that an Improvement of 'that Kind would advance Navigation, force a new and profitable Market Abroad, and en- 'large our Commerce every Way: To accompliſh which, it will be very helpful, that we 'endeavour to obtain the Concurrence of the neighbouring Provinces with us in an humble 'Application to the Crown, that the Act of Parliament which allows the Importation of '*European* Salt into *New-England*, may be equally and more fully explained in our Favour, 'as in all Probability it was at firſt intended; for theſe Parts at that Time were entirely 'comprehended under the general Title or Name of *New-England*.

'You will find upon your Journal of the laſt Seſſions of Aſſembly, that I then laid ſeve- 'ral Things before that Houſe, which they not having Time to enter upon, were pleaſed 'to refer ſome of them, as Matters of Importance, to your Conſideration; amongſt which, 'I cannot but mention again the Eaſe and Advantage which would accrue to our trading 'People at this very Juncture of Time, by making the Paper Bills of the Lower Part of 'this Government equally current with thoſe of this Province.

'Gentlemen, A Courſe of above eight Years Experience muſt have convinced us all of 'the Advantages wherewith Unanimity and Concord in the Legiſlative Power is attended; 'and as there never ſeemed to be more Need of it than at this Time, I ſhall conclude with 'obſerving to you, that an humble, patient, and peaceable Deportment, without ſuffering 'the good Order of publick Buſineſs to be diſturbed by any paſſionate Heats or Animoſities, 'will be the moſt decent and ſecure Method of preſerving our Liberties, and defeating the 'Deſigns of yours and the Province's Enemies.

WILLIAM KEITH.

Ordered, That the ſame be read again this Afternoon.

Then the Members preſent ſubſcribed the Effect of the Qualifications appointed by an Act of Aſſembly of this Province, intituled, *An Act to aſcertain the Number of Members of Aſſembly, and to regulate Elections*; and alſo the Abjuration, appointed by an Act of this Province, of the Eleventh of King GEORGE; firſt the Speaker in his Chair, and after him the Members in their Courſe; and then the Members took their Places in the Houſe; and the Governor's Speech being read again,

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afterenoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe immediately fell upon the Conſideration of the Governor's Speech, which being read by Paragraphs, and debated,

Adjournment. *8th Mo.* 16.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Anthony Morris*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *William Webb*, be a Committee to draw up an Anſwer thereto, and lay it before the Houſe To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Time of Adjournment, and it was urged by ſome Members, that the Adjournment be ſhort, inaſmuch as ſome publick Affairs require the ſpeedy Application of this Houſe, *viz.* The reviſing the Laws of this Province, and appointing an Agent in *Great-Britain*, to negotiate the Paſſing our Laws, *&c.*

Some Members of *Cheſter* County moved that the *Indians* (who made their Complaint to the laſt Aſſembly concerning their Land upon *Brandy-wine*, being taken up and ſettled, and their Fiſhery there being impeded or hindered by Dams upon the ſaid Creek) are not yet ſatisfied, nor the Occaſion of their Complaints removed;

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Thomas Treſs*, *Thomas Watſon*, and *John Wright*, go to *James Logan*, one of the Commiſſioners of Property, and acquaint him thereof, and deſire to know of him what has been done in that Affair: Who return, and report, that they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that he anſwer'd, Care ſhould be taken that thoſe *Indians* ſhould not be any farther diſturbed in their Poſſeſſions.

Then the Members appointed to draw up an Addreſs to the Governor, in Anſwer to his Speech of Yeſterday, brought in the ſame, which was read; and, after ſome ſmall Amendments made, was agreed to.

Adjournment.

Reſolved, That the ſame be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be ſent to the Governor; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, &c.

The Addreſs being tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, according to Order, is as followeth, *viz.*

8th Mo. 16. *Poſt Meridiem.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

The ADDRESS of the REPRESENTATIVES of the ſaid Province, in GENERAL ASSEMBLY met, in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the Fifteenth Inſtant.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

THE Senſe we have of the Governor's prudent Adminiſtration obligeth us, on this freſh Occaſion, to acknowledge the Benefits this Province hath enjoyed from the ſame, eſpecially in his ready Concurrence to ſuch Laws as have been (under divine Providence) conducive to the Encreaſe of Trade, and the Peace and Plenty of our Country, which we cannot reflect on without Satisfaction: And as a Demonſtration of our ſincere Acknowledgment, we beg Leave to aſſure the Governor, we ſhall not be wanting to provide him an honourable Support.

Amongſt the many Inſtances of the Governor's ſignal Regard to our Welfare, thoſe Matters of Importance which he has been pleaſed at this Time to lay before the Houſe, we cannot but look upon as farther Proofs of his Good-will towards us; which we have deliberated upon, and beg Leave to acquaint the Governor, that the Houſe is ſo far of Opinion with him (that it is neceſſary to have an Agent in Great-Britain *for negotiating the Paſſing of our Laws) that we have reſolved, ſo ſoon as Time will allow, to conſider of ſuch proper Ways and Means as may accompliſh the ſame.*

And as to the ſecond Thing propoſed, for the Promoting a Fiſhery, and obtaining Liberty to import Salt from Europe, *as there is great Plenty of Shad, Herring and Sturgeon, yearly catch'd in this River, as well as great Quantities of Cod, and other valuable Fiſh, which we are credibly informed are to be taken not far from our Capes, we doubt not but, by a regular Management, far greater Quantities may be catch'd than ever yet has been done; which cannot fail to very much enlarge our Commerce, advance our Navigation, and force a new and profitable Trade Abroad: But till ſome more certain Way can be found out to procure Salt, which very often is ſo ſcarce with us, as to render the Profit of curing Fiſh not worth the Undertaker's Pains, eſpecially in the Spring Seaſon, which is the Time the River Fiſh are to be catch'd, Salt is then ſometimes not to be had, which obliges us to ſend to* Boſton, *and other diſtant Places, to ſupply ourſelves at a large Expence; therefore we earneſtly deſire the Governor would be pleaſed to move the neighbouring Governments to join with us in an humble Application to* Great-Britain, *to obtain the Liberty of importing* European *Salt into our Ports, as they of* New-England *for ſome time have done; and we doubt not, with theirs and the Governor's Aſſiſtance, and a regular Application, this Affair, which evidently tends to enlarge the Trade of the* Britiſh *Empire in* America, *will induce the Crown to redreſs us.*

As to what the Governor has been pleaſed to recommend to our ſerious Conſideration for rendering the New-Caſtle *Bills current amongſt us, we are of Opinion, that by paſſing an Act for encouraging the ſame, may ſubject us to many Inconveniencies, which ought to be avoided; but think the Bills would be rendered more current, if the Perſons concerned in the Trade of that Government would unanimouſly reſolve to take them at the Value they firſt paſs'd amongſt us.*

We are ſo far of Opinion with the Governor, *that Unanimity and Concord in the Legiſlative Power, and an orderly and peaceable Deportment in the Diſpatch of Buſineſs, is ſo abſolutely neceſſary, that we ſhall make it our conſtant Study to maintain and promote the ſame.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

October 16, 1725. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Job Goodſon*, and *John Kearſley*, preſent the ſame to the Governor; and likewiſe inform him, that the Houſe (upon reading a Minute of the laſt Aſſembly, wherein the Governor gave them an Expectation that ſome Obſtructions on *Brandy-wine* Creek ſhould be removed) are now informed, that the ſame is not yet done; therefore earneſtly deſire, that the Governor will be pleaſed to uſe his Endeavour for the ſpeedy Removal thereof; and that the Houſe are inclined to adjourn till the Twenty-ſecond of *November* next: Who being returned, report, that they delivered the Addreſs according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to return his hearty Thanks to the Houſe for the ſame; and ſaid, "'Twas a very great Pleaſure to him to find that his and the Houſe's Sentiments ſo well agreed:" And that they delivered likewiſe their verbal Meſſage; to which the Governor anſwered, "That he had already made ſome Progreſs therein, and would uſe his beſt Edeavours with the Aſſembly at *New-Caſtle*, at their next Meeting, to have thoſe Nuſances removed; and that he approved of the Time of Adjournment.

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Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, reviſe the Minutes.

And it is the Order of the Houſe that the ſame be printed; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-ſecond Day of *November* next.

8th Mo. 16. Adjournment.

9th Mo. 22. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, and *William Webb*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, according to Adjournment, deſire to know if he has any Thing to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

9th Mo. 23. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and the Governor ſaid, he hoped the Houſe was met with a Reſolution to do Buſineſs, and that he would ſend a written Meſſage to the Houſe by Ten or Eleven a Clock this Morning, with his further Sentiments.

John Swift, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Philadelphia*, being abſent when the Members of the Houſe were qualified, deſires now to be admitted to take his Qualification; which was granted; and the ſaid Member accordingly ſubſcribed the ſame as uſual, and then took his Place in the Houſe.

A written Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, was delivered to the Houſe, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Governor's Meſſage.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'IN Compliance with your Requeſt, I had the good Fortune very ſucceſsfully to uſe 'my Endeavours with the Aſſembly at *New-Caſtle*, in the Paſſing of a Law there for 'the Relief of the *Indians*, and ſome of the Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, by ordering the 'Removal of all Obſtructions to the Fiſhery upon *Brandy-wine* Creek.

'I hope you will, at this Time, think it proper to take Notice of ſome Things, which, 'in the Month of *Auguſt* laſt, I recommended to the Aſſembly then ſitting, and is by them 'referred to your Conſideration, for want of Time at that Seaſon of the Year.

'I am told, that ſome People buſy themſelves extreamly to ſurmiſe, as if they had certain 'Advice of a new Governor's being actually appointed for this Colony, with Deſign, no 'Doubt, to amuſe and give ſome Interruption or Delay to your Proceedings at this Juncture: 'But I have the Satisfaction to aſſure you, that by particular Letters from *London*, of the 'ſeventh of *September*, by Way of *Boſton*, being later than any yet arrived in *Philadelphia*, 'there was then no Appointment of any Perſon to ſucceed me in this Government; nei-'ther was it probable that any would be ſuddenly made by the Proprietary, and much leſs 'that an Approbation of any ſuch an Appointment could be obtained from the Crown, before 'his Majeſty's Return from *Hanover*; wherefore I confidently hope you cannot be moved 'by ſuch Surmiſes and falſe Reports to ſuperſede one Moment longer the preſent urgent 'and neceſſary Buſineſs of your Country; amongſt which I cannot but heartily recommend 'it to you to conſider, Whether an Act, to leſſen the yearly Payments into the Loan-Office, 'by continuing the Paper Bills already ſtruck for ſome reaſonable Time longer than is appoint-'ed by the Acts for emitting the ſame, would not be a very great Advantage to the Coun-'try in general, and an Eaſe to the Borrowers, without any Manner of Riſque or Inconve-'niency to the Publick Credit; and this, I conceive, would fully anſwer the Occaſions and 'Purpoſes of many honeſt Men in this Province, who deſire more Paper-money to be 'ſtruck, which, in my View and Opinion of the Country's true Intereſt and Service, 'would be very hurtful to us all at this Juncture, and give an immediate Check to the pre-'ſent flouriſhing Condition of our Trade.

'Gentlemen, As there is not any Thing within the Compaſs of my Power, and the juſt 'Bounds of my Duty to the King and the Proprietary, which can be deſired of me for 'the Service of this Province, but what will be moſt chearfully and readily complied with 'at your Requeſt, I do not ſee how, or when, we can propoſe a more favourable Opportu-'nity to rectify what may be found amiſs, and to make ſuch Proviſion as you ſhall judge to 'be requiſite for the future Advantage and Proſperity of this Province.'

November 23, 1725. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe entered upon the Conſideration of the Governor's written Meſſage, according to the Order of this Morning, and debated the ſame by Paragraphs.

Ordered, That the Minutes of the laſt Aſſembly, relating to ſome Matters referred to the Conſideration of this Aſſembly, be read; which was done accordingly.

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Then *John Wright*, a Member of this Houſe, reported, that he was informed, that a Law was made at *New-Caſtle* for removing Obſtructions on *Brandy-wine* Creek; whereupon he is deſired to get the ſaid Law, and bring it to this Houſe, as ſoon as he can obtain the ſame. 1725. 9th Mo. 23.

Ordered, That the Naturalization Bill depending at the laſt Aſſembly, be ſtill deferred, until the Parties comply with the Qualifications then directed.

Reſolved, That what relates to the *New-Caſtle* Bills of Credit is already anſwered in an Addreſs to the Governor, at the firſt Sitting of this Aſſembly.

Upon reading the Report of a Committee of the laſt Aſſembly, appointed for ſinking the Bills of Credit, the Houſe entered into a Debate about the Exchanging of torn Bills; and appointing a Committee to complete the Sinking of the Bills left in the Loan-Office by the ſaid Committee to be exchanged; as alſo the ſeveral Quota's due from the Treaſurers of the Province, City and Counties.

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, *Job Goodſon*, *Thomas Treſs*, *William Webb*, and *Abraham Chapman*, be a Committee to audit the Accounts of the Loan-Office, and reſpective Treaſurers aforeſaid, and ſink the remaining Part of the Bills of Credit appointed to be ſunk, according to the Direction of the two reſpective Acts for emitting the ſame, being not compleated by a Committee of the laſt Aſſembly appointed for that Purpoſe, as appears by their Report of the Fourteenth of *Auguſt* laſt. And the ſaid Committee are to require the Truſtees to put up publick Advertiſements for the People to bring in their torn Bills to be exchanged; and that the ſaid Committee conſider, Whether the giving longer Time to the Borrowers (according to the Propoſal in the Governor's written Meſſage) can be regularly fallen into, and give their Opinion thereof to the Houſe.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen* acquaint the reſpective Treaſurers, that they are required forthwith to bring in their reſpective Quota's to the ſaid Committee, appointed to ſink the ſame.

A Motion was made about reviſing the Laws, and compoſing into one Volume all thoſe that are now in Force.

Then *John Wright*, a Member of this Houſe, reported, that he had made ſome Progreſs in the ſaid Matter; and ſays the ſame cannot be effected without a great deal of Time, and ſearching the ſeveral Offices, to find out all the Repeals; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 9th Mo. 24.

Upon a Motion made, the Petition of *Thomas Potts*, exhibited to the laſt Aſſembly, was read; and, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the Petitioner be referred to the Common Law for his Relief.

The Treaſurer (appointed by an Act for veſting the Lands and Lots, commonly called, The Lands of the *Free Society* of Traders in *Pennſylvania*, &c.) being a Member of this Houſe, moved for a Supplement to that Law, directing, that the Monies now remaining in his Hands, with what he ſhall hereafter receive, may be put out to Intereſt, on the Riſque, and for the Uſe of the Claimants, until it be demanded, *&c.* and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Debate be deferred till the Afternoon.

Upon a Motion made, the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the *Indian* Claim upon *Brandy-wine* Creek; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That inaſmuch as ſome of the Chiefs of thoſe *Indians* are now out a Hunting, the Houſe thinks it proper to defer all further Conſideration of that Affair till they return; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth the great Hardſhip and Damage they lie under by the Act laying an Exciſe upon Spirits diſtilled in this Province, praying the ſame may be taken off; and that the Importation of Melaſſes and Diſtilling may be encouraged; was preſented to the Houſe, and read;

Ordered, To be conſidered To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of ſome Perſons, late of *High* and *Low-Germany*, deſiring, that upon their taking and ſubſcribing the Qualifications required by Law, they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to hold and enjoy Lands, Trade and Merchandize; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe reſumed the Debate concerning a ſupplementary Act to the Act for ſelling the Lots and Lands of the Free Society of Traders in *Pennſylvania*, &c. and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 9th Mo. 25.

The Petition that the Exciſe may be taken off Spirits diſtilled in this Province, and the Importation of Melaſſes and Diſtilling may be encouraged, was read the ſecond Time, according to the Order of Yeſterday, and debated;

Ordered, That the further Debate thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

1725. *9th Mo.* 25. The Petition of Two Hundred and Thirty-ſeven Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, That the tender Care and prudent Adminiſtration of our preſent Governor has afforded many Advantages, both to the religious and civil Rights of the People of this Province, eſpecially in a Paper Currency; and that they are informed, the Governor's Conduct, relating to that, and other Affairs of this Province, hath been moſt groſly miſrepreſented unto the Proprietary, by which Means there is Probability of a Change in Government, *&c.* and praying this Houſe, that as faithful Repreſentatives, they will pleaſe to lay the State of this Province, as to a Paper Currency, and other Matters, before the Proprietary, which may move him to withſtand the unjuſtifiable Deſign of ſuch Miſrepreſentations as have been made, contrary to his and the Peoples joint Intereſt, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Debate about Encouragement of Diſtilling, *&c.* referred to this Afternoon; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Petitioners may have Liberty to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of their Petition? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of ſome Perſons concerned in Iron-works, ſetting forth, the pernicious Effects of ſelling Liquors near thoſe Works, praying Leave to bring in a Bill to prohibit the ſame, and that the Selling of Rum, and other Spirits, by Permits, may be wholly prohibited; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſome *High* and *Low-Germans*, requeſting, that upon ſubſcribing the Qualifications required by Law, they may have Leave to bring in a Bill to enable them to hold and enjoy Lands, Trade and Merchandize; was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and the Queſtion put, that the Petitioners may have Leave to bring in a Bill for that Purpoſe, according to the Prayer of that Petition? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *9th Mo.* 26.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of the Two Hundred and Thirty-ſeven Perſons, in favour of the Governor's Conduct in the Adminiſtration, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Aſſembly addreſs the Proprietary's Family, repreſenting the Governor's paſt Conduct in his Adminiſtration, eſpecially relating to the Paper Currency? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then upon a Motion made,

Reſolved, That the Aſſembly likewiſe addreſs the King, to acknowledge the ſignal Grace and Favours, both in religious and civil Rights, to the People of this Province.

A Motion being made, the Queſtion was put, that proper Application be made at Home for the Liberty of Importation of *European* Salt, for Encouragement of a Fiſhery? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of ſome Perſons concerned in Iron-works, &c. was read a ſecond Time, and debated; and Leave is given to bring in a Bill according to the Prayer of the ſaid Petition; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went upon the Conſideration of appointing Committees to draw up the Addreſſes agreed upon this Morning.

Then the Houſe requeſted the Speaker to draw up the Addreſs to the King.

The Petition of *Patrick Baird*, ſetting forth, that his uſual Salary, of *Fifteen Pounds per Annum*, was reduced to *Ten Pounds*, which Sum, he humbly conceives, comes not up to the Deſerts of his Services, and requeſts that this Houſe will conſider him; was read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of Support of Government; and, after Debate theron, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed to the Governor, towards his Support this current Year? *Carried in the Negative.*

Then *Five Hundred Pounds* was put? *Carried in the Negative.*

Then *Four Hundred Pounds* was put? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

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Then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor ſent a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage. ‘ YOU muſt either have, or ought to have, a juſt Senſe of the Honour and Intereſt of your Country, at this critical Juncture, which we cannot but perceive is watchfully obſerved by a few, and depended on by a great many.

‘ I have honeſtly laboured throughout my whole Adminiſtration, and more eſpecially of late, to demonſtrate that I have always preferred the Service of this Province, and the

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'Preſervation of your Privileges in particular, to my own Intereſt; and therefore I cannot 'otherwiſe expect, but that like true Patriots and honeſt Men, you will not ſeparate now 'before ſome proper and neceſſary Meaſures are taken to protect both yourſelves and me 'from Calumny and Reproach.

'Should it happen to be any Queſtion amongſt you, Whether I have really done the Coun-'try good or ill Service, I deſire by all Means, and without more ado, that it may be put 'to the Vote; for go as it will, I hope I ſhall bear it with Patience and good Temper; 'but as I am a Part of the Legiſlature, I do inſiſt upon it, that you proceed either to con-'demn or juſtify my Character on this Occaſion: For, Gentlemen, you may be aſſured I 'want no extraordinary Favours, and, on the other Hand, I do not expect to be worſe treat-'ed now than I have been by former Aſſemblies.'

November 27, 1725. *WILLIAM KEITH.*

The Addreſs to the King was brought in by the Speaker, according to the Requeſt of the Houſe, which was read by Paragraphs, and agreed to be tranſcribed and ſigned by the Speaker, in order to be ſent Home.

Then the Houſe renewed the Debate about the Support; and it is moved, that the Governor be allowed *One Thouſand Pounds* for his whole Support for this current Year, if he continues ſo long in the Adminiſtration, including all Fines and Forfeitures which are appropriated by Law for Support of Government, yet no Order to be iſſued at preſent, except for the *Four Hundred Pounds* voted laſt Night; but the Houſe, after ſome Debate, deferred the further Conſideration thereof till another Time.

And then the Houſe went upon ſettling the Time of Adjournment, which was agreed to be the ſixth Day of *December* next.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order, under his Hand, upon the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds*, payable to Sir *William Keith*, towards his Support this current Year, according to the Vote of Yeſterday in the Afternoon; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *L. C. Sprogle*, and *William Webb*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe inclines to adjourn to the Sixth of *December* next: Who return, and report, that they did their Meſſage according to Order; and the Governor approves of the Time of Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Wright*, and *William Webb*, draw up the Addreſs to the Proprietary's Family, in order to lay before the Houſe at their next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſixth Day of *December* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 10th Mo. 6.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait on the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met according to Adjournment, and are ready to enter upon Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* 10th Mo. 7.

The Addreſs to the Proprietary's Family was brought in, according to Order, and read; *Ordered*, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

The Members appointed on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and that the Governor anſwered, he had nothing at preſent to lay before the Houſe, but hoped they would go on with the Buſineſs of the Country.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Loan-Office, and to examine whether the giving longer Time to the Borrowers could be fallen into, *&c.* report, they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and cannot conceive how the ſame can be done without breaking in upon thoſe Laws for emitting Bills of Credit, and ſubjecting the ſame to many Inconveniences.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of Ways and Means to obtain the Liberty of importing into this Province *European* Salt, *&c.*

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Swift*, treat with the King's Collector, *John Moore*, Eſq; and enquire whether he can put the Houſe in a Way for obtaining the ſaid Liberty.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Preventing the Selling of Liquors near the Iron-works*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered the ſecond Reading this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Preventing the Selling of Liquors near the Iron-works*, was read the ſecond Time; and a Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Addreſs to the Proprietary's Family was read, and debated, according to Order of this Morning.

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Ordered, That the Direction be altered, and made, *To the Deſcendants of the late Honourable Proprietary*, William Penn, *Eſq*;

10*th Mo.* 7. Then the Queſtion was put, That the ſame be tranſcribed, and that the Speaker ſign two Duplicates thereof, one to be ſent to the Widow *Penn*, and the other to *Springet Penn*? Carried in the Affirmative. And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 8. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to ſpeak with *John Moore*, Eſq; report, that they had done it according to Order; and he acquainted them, that Application ſhould be made to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, who, he thought, would grant what is requeſted; and he promiſed to be aſſiſting, and uſe his beſt Endeavours therein.

Then Certificates from the Quarter-Seſſions of *Philadelphia* County, ſignifying, that the ſeveral *Palatines* therein reſpectively named, had taken the Qualifications appointed by Law; was brought to the Houſe, and laid on the Table; as likewiſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling the ſaid Perſons therein named to trade and hold Lands in this Province*; was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of a great Number of Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that the re-emitting the yearly Quota's would be a further Encouragement to the preſent flouriſhing Trade; and praying that *Four* or *Five Thouſand Pounds* of ſmall Bills may be ſtruck for exchanging torn Bills; and that the Governor's Support may rather exceed (this Year) than fall ſhort of what has been heretofore; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to be conſidered this Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition referred to this Afternoon for Conſideration was read a ſecond Time.

And the Houſe entered upon a Debate about re-emitting the yearly Quota's appointed to be paid in and ſunk, according to the Direction of the reſpective Acts which emitted the ſame; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid yearly Quota's to be paid in, according to the Direction of the ſaid reſpective Acts, ſhall not be ſunk, but re-emitted? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Re-emiſſion be continued for ſix Years to come; and, after the End of ſix Years, the reſpective Quota's to be annually ſunk; ſo that the whole Sum emitted by both Acts be ſunk within the Time limited by the *Thirty Thouſand Pound* Act? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Upon a Motion made, the Queſtion was put, that a certain Sum of ſmall Bills be ſtruck, to exchange for torn and defaced Bills? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that *Five Thouſand Pounds* be ſtruck for that Purpoſe? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then, after Debate, the Queſtion was put, that a Committee be now appointed to draw up a Bill for the Intent aboveſaid? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Evan Owen*, draw up the ſaid Bill, in order to lay the ſame before the Houſe at their next Meeting, and that they take to their Aſſiſtance ſome Perſon learned in the Law.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the latter Part of the ſaid Petition be deferred till next Sitting.

The Committee appointed to audit the Accounts of the Loan-Office, *&c.* report, that they have made a conſiderable Progreſs therein, but being ſo often obliged to attend the Houſe, had no Time to finiſh the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued to accompliſh the ſaid Service; and alſo that they audit and ſettle the Accounts of the Provincial Treaſurer and Collector of Exciſe, in order to lay before the Houſe the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

Then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Time of Adjournment; and it is agreed to be until the tenth Day of *January* next.

Ordered, That *John Wright*, and *Job Goodſon*, acquaint the Governor thereof; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

10*th Mo.* 9. The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Wright, according to the Order of the Twenty-third of *November* laſt, brought to the Houſe an Act, impowering the Magiſtrates of *New-Caſtle* County to view and direct the Removal of Obſtructions to the Fiſhery of *Brandy-wine*. And the ſaid Member reported, that he was informed by one of the Magiſtrates of the ſaid County, that an Appointment is already made for that Purpoſe, and that they deſign to deliver their Report at their next Quarter-Seſſions, according to the Direction of the ſaid Act.

The Members appointed laſt Night to acquaint the Governor of the Time of Adjournment, report, they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he was well ſatisfied therewith.

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Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of importing *European* and other Salt, as amply as it is allowed to *New-England*, &c. and, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds* be ready in the Hands of the Provincial Treaſurer, to defray the Charge of negotiating the ſaid Affair with the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, and elſewhere in *England*? Carried in the Affirmative. 1725. 10th Mo. 9.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, be appointed a Committee to draw up a Repreſentation to the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, in order to obtain that Liberty, and engage the King's Collector here to favour ſuch Repreſentation; and that the ſaid Committee have Power to agree with ſuch Perſon or Perſons as ſhall undertake the ſaid Negotiation, and to draw out of the ſaid Treaſurer's Hands ſo much of the ſaid Sum as may be neceſſary for that Service, and that they make Report to this Houſe of their Proceedings therein from Time to Time.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Diſtillation of Spirits from Melaſſes, Corn and Fruit, in this Province*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time.

Ordered, That the ſecond Reading be deferred to the next Meeting of this Aſſembly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afterenoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to ſettle the Provincial Treaſurer's Account, *&c.* report, that having received the ſaid Treaſurer's Account, find a Charge therein for *Indian* Expences about the *Brandy-wine* Affair; as alſo another Charge (formerly omitted for an *Indian* Interpreter, *&c.* which ſaid Articles they were not willing to allow before they knew the Mind of the Houſe therein.

Then after ſome Debate thereon, it is agreed, that the latter be allowed, the Party making appear that the Council did then approve of the ſame.

Ordered, That the Conſideration of the former be deferred to the next Sitting; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 10th Mo. 10.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe went upon reading the Minutes, in order to fit them for the Preſs, and having gone thro' the ſame,

Ordered, That *Anthony Morris*, and *Evan Owen*, be a Committee to ſee that they are printed as now corrected by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Members be appointed to ſend Home the Addreſs to the King, and the others to the Family, as before directed by Order of the ſeventh Inſtant; and then the Houſe adjourned till the tenth Day of *January* next. Adjournment.

THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment. 1725-26. 11th Mo. 10.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, acquaint the Governor, That a Quorum of the Repreſentatives being met, according to Adjournment, are ready to proceed on Buſineſs; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 11.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

William Biles, choſen to ſerve in Aſſembly for the County of *Bucks*, being abſent at the Qualifying of the Members, deſires now to be admitted to take the ſame; which is granted: And the ſaid Member ſubſcribed the uſual Qualifications, and then took his Place in the Houſe.

The Members appointed to ſpeak with the Governor laſt Night, report, that they had done their Meſſage according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he had nothing at preſent to offer to the Houſe; but hoped they would now proceed to the Buſineſs before them.

The Members appointed brought in a Bill according to Order, intituled, *An Act for the Re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province, as by former Acts are directed to be ſunk and determined, and for the Striking and making current* Five Thouſand Pounds, *in new Bills, to exchange for torn and defaced*; which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works* (upon the ſecond Reading the Seventh of *December* laſt, referred to this Sitting for further Conſideration) according to the ſaid Order, was read by Paragraphs, and debated, and ſundry Amendments propoſed.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed with the ſaid Amendments to *Francis Rawle*, and *Jeremiah Langborne*, in order for a third Reading; and the ſame was committed accordingly.

The Houſe, upon an Information (from ſome of the Members) that a certain Alien Miniſter hath made a Practice of marrying, contrary to the known Laws of this Province, entered upon a Debate thereon; and, after ſome Time ſpent,

1725-26. *Ordered*, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to another Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11th Mo. 11. Adjournment. The Houſe met, *&c.*

11th Mo. 12. The Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the Publick Accounts, and ſink the Bills of Credit, *&c.* delivered in their Report at the Table, together with the ſeveral Accounts, from which the ſame is reduced; which were read ſeverally, *viz.* The Account of the General Loan-Office, and the Provincial Treaſurer's Account, and the Account of the Officer of Exciſe. And the ſaid Committee informs the Houſe, that the Provincial Treaſurer, and the Treaſurers of the County and City of *Philadelphia*, and the Treaſurer of the County of *Bucks*, having not paid in their Quota's, they could not perfect their Report.

Ordered, That they be continued to perfect the ſame.

And the ſaid Report is therefore referred to another Time; likewiſe the ſaid Committee gave the Houſe to underſtand, that ſome Perſons, paying in their whole Sums borrowed at other Times than the Quota's are directed to be paid, occaſions great Difficulties in ſettling the Accounts of the ſaid Loan-Office.

Upon which the Houſe entered on a Debate how to avoid the ſame in the Re-emitting Bill now before the Houſe; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Adjournment. *Poſt-Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the ſecond Reading of the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members to whom the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works*, was committed, brought in the ſame, with the ſaid Amendments inſerted, which were read, and agreed to; and, after ſome more Amendments made,

Ordered, That the ſame be committed for a third Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Diſtilling of Spirits from Melaſſes, Corn and Fruit, in this Province*, was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Debate,

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11th Mo. 13. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Upon an Application made to this Houſe by the Widow *Roſogans*, an Order was iſſued on the Provincial Treaſurer for the Sum of *Two Pounds*, payable to her, being ſo much allowed by this Houſe, for the Services of her deceaſed Huſband.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill referred to this Morning; and, after ſome Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, whether the Houſe proceed on the ſaid Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that a Bounty of *One Penny per* Gallon be allowed to the Importer of Melaſſes ſold for diſtilling? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Poſt-Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the farther Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded upon the Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Diſtilling of Spirits from Melaſſes, Corn and Fruit, in this Province*, and ſundry Amendments were agreed to be made.

Ordered, That the ſame be committed to *John Kearſley*, *William Biles*, and *John Wright*, with the ſaid Amendments, for a third Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *11th Mo.* 14. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Complaints againſt one *Anthony Hinckle*, who, contrary to Law, has married ſundry Perſons, and ſtill continues in that ſcandalous Practice: And, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, *N. C. D.* That the Serjeant at Arms be forthwith ordered to take into his Cuſtody the ſaid Perſon, and bring him before this Houſe, on the Day called *Tueſday* next; and accordingly an Order was drawn, and ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to the Serjeant for that Purpoſe.

Upon Information that great Numbers of Convicts, and ſome *Iriſh* Servants of ill Character, are now arrived, and many more expected, the Houſe took into Conſideration the ſame.

Ordered, That the Law impoſing a Duty of *Five Pounds per* Head on Convicts imported into this Province be read.

Ordered, That the Officer appointed by the ſaid Act be admoniſhed to be very diligent in the Execution of the Truſt repoſed in him by the ſame.

Then, upon a Motion made, the Houſe entered upon a Debate about the Duty on *Negroes*, the Act relating thereto being expired; and the ſaid Law being read,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

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The Houſe met, &c.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling* Bernard Vanleer, &c. to trade and hold Lands in this Province, was read the ſecond Time, and ordered a third Reading. *11th Mo. 14. Poſt Meridiem.*

Upon which the Houſe entered into a Debate about the Charge accruing from Time to Time to this Province upon private Bills; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the Charge of paſſing private Bills be taxed by the Houſe, and the Parties concerned pay the ſame.

Reſolved, That this Bill now before the Houſe for enabling *Bernard Vanleer*, &c. to trade and hold Lands in this Province, be taxed at *Twenty-one Pounds*, viz. *Three Pounds* a Piece for each Perſon mentioned in the ſaid Bill, for the Uſe of the reſpective Counties as the Houſe ſhall direct.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Debate about the Duty impoſed on *Negroes*, by an Act of Aſſembly now expired, which was referred to this Afternoon; and a Motion being made, the Queſtion was put, that the ſaid Act be revived, with ſuch Amendments as the Houſe ſhall think fit? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Duty of *Five Pounds per* Head be continued on *Negroes*, as in the ſaid Act? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That if any Perſon ſhall ſet free any *Negroe* Slave, he ſhall give Security to indemnify the County or Townſhip from any Charge or Burden they may happen to bring upon the ſame.

Reſolved, That the Inter-marriage of *Negroes* with Whites be prohibited.

And for *Negroes* ſentenced to Death, the reſpective Owners ſhall be paid out of the Duty ariſing by the ſaid Act impoſing a Duty on *Negroes*.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. *10th Mo.* 15.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of what was referred laſt Night; and, after ſome Time ſpent,

Reſolved, That a Supplementary Act be made to the Law for Trial of *Negroes*, for the better regulating of them, according to the Reſolves of laſt Night.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, and *Anthony Morris*, enquire of *James Logan*, whether the ſaid Law for Trial of *Negroes* has received the royal Approbation, and the other Acts of the Fourth of Queen ANNE.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, reviſe the Minutes, and that *Samuel Keimer* print the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till the ſeventeenth Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, &c. and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *11th Mo.* 17.

The Houſe met, &c. Adjournment.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works*, was read the third Time; and, after a Clauſe being added for bringing all Retailers, by Permits, to a Regulation, and ſome other Amendments made, *11th Mo.* 18.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill do paſs.

Ordered, That the ſame be tranſcribed.

The Serjeant at Arms, purſuant to the Order of the fourteenth Inſtant, brought before the Houſe the ſaid *Anthony Jacob Hinckle*; and, after ſome Queſtions aſk'd him, and Debates thereon,

Ordered, That the Serjeant at Arms take him again into Cuſtody, and carry him before the Governor.

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, *William Biles*, *John Wright*, and *Matthias Holſton*, go to the Governor, and acquaint him of the Charge againſt the ſaid Perſon, and that the Houſe refers the Determination of the ſaid Matter to the Governor.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better enabling of* Bernard Vanleer, &c. *to trade and hold Lands in this Province*, was read the third Time.

Reſolved, That the ſame do paſs.

Ordered, To be tranſcribed.

The Petition of *Patrick Baird* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *Five Pounds* be allowed him to make up the uſual Salary of *Fifteen Pounds per Annum* for his laſt Year's Service? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed on a Meſſage to *James Logan*, on the fifteenth Inſtant, report, that they delivered their Meſſage according to Order; and he anſwered, That all the Laws of the Fourth of Queen ANNE that are printed at large, are confirmed, and ſuch as are repealed only the Titles are printed.

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1725-26. 11*th Mo.* 18. The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the Re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province, as by former Acts are directed to be ſunk and determined, and for the Striking and making current* Five Thouſand Pounds *in new Bills, to ſupply the torn and defaced*, being read the ſecond Time,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of *Charles Read*, praying to be appointed Collector of the Duty on *Negroes*, now about to be impoſed; and acquaints the Houſe, that if any Perſon has farmed the Exciſe at too low a Rate (as the Houſe, he underſtands, was informed) it has been through Ignorance of their Trade, and will endeavour that it ſhall be remedied for the future; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Aaron Haſſert, in Behalf of himſelf and the others mentioned in the Bill for enabling them to trade and hold Lands in this Province, brought to the Houſe *Twenty-one Pounds*, being the Sum appointed for them to pay, by Order of the fourteenth Inſtant; which was accordingly paid to the Clerk, to be delivered to the reſpective County Treaſurers for the County's Uſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 19. The Houſe met, &c.

The Petition of *Charles Read* was read a ſecond Time, and the latter Part thereof being debated,

Reſolved, That the Petitioner's Diligence and Care for the Time to come will be the proper Remedy.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of *Coneſtogoe*, ſetting forth, that many vagrant Perſons reſort to their Neighbourhood, praying that a Law may be provided to ſuppreſs ſuch Perſons, and that whoever ſhall entertain ſuch, without giving Notice to the next Juſtice of the Peace, may ſuffer ſuch Penalties as to the Houſe ſhall ſeem meet; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, praying that all Ferries may be reſtrained from carrying over, and Houſes of Entertainment from harbouring or concealing, any Servants; and that all Travellers be obliged to carry Paſſes or Certificates from the Place of their laſt Abode; and that farther Encouragement may be given for taking up of Servants; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth the Benefit of a Paper Currency, &c. and praying that the preſent Quantity may be continued, and bad Bills renewed; and that the People's juſt Rights and Privileges may be ſupported and maintained; and that no Ingratitude may be ſhewed to our worthy Governor Sir *William Keith*; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe proceeded on the Conſideration of the Re-emitting Bill referred to this Morning, and that Paragraph about erecting a new Office, and appointing Truſtees, &c. came under Debate; and, after ſome Time ſpent thereon,

Ordered, That *John Swift*, *Evan Owen*, *Edward Farmar*, and *Benjamin Jones*, go to the preſent Truſtees of the Loan-Office, and enquire whether they are willing to undertake the Re-emiſſion intended by this Act, and upon what Conſideration?

Ordered, That the further Debate on the ſaid Bill be deferred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

John Swift, with the reſt of the Members appointed to treat with the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, returned and report, that they ſpoke with *William Fiſhbourn*; who anſwered, he was willing to officiate in the new Truſt of re-emitting the Quota's, and would, as ſoon as poſſible, conſult with the reſt of the Truſtees, and acquaint the Houſe with their Reſolution, both as to the accepting of the Truſt, and the Conſideration, they ſhould expect.

A Bill, intituled, *An Act for laying a Duty on* Negroes *imported into this Province*, was brought in, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of *Anthony Jacob Hinckle*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, ſetting forth, that what he had done contrary to the Laws and Cuſtoms of this Province was thro' Ignorance, expreſſing his Sorrow, and begging Pardon for his ſaid Offence, and promiſing to be careful to avoid all ſuch irregular Practices for the future: And, after ſome Conſideration thereon,

Ordered, That *John Wright*, *Samuel Hollingſworth*, and *Chriſtian Vanhorne*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him of the Purport of the ſaid Petition, and that the Houſe does return the ſaid Offender back to the Governor, with a Requeſt that the Governor will pleaſe to bring him under Security not to commit the like Offence for the future; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

11*th Mo.* 20. The Houſe met, &c.

The Members ſent laſt Night to the Governor, report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he would take Care to bring him under a ſufficient Obligation to obſerve the Laws of this Province, and was willing to remit the Offence ſo far as it concerned him.

Ordered,

Ordered, That after the ſaid Perſon has given Bond according thereto, he be diſcharged out of Cuſtody, paying his Fees, taxed by the Houſe at *Five Pounds*. 1725-26. 11th Mo. 20.

The Houſe went upon the Debate of the Bill for re-emitting the Quota's, &c. and, after ſome Time ſpent, the Houſe came to the ſeveral Reſolves following, *viz.*

Reſolved, That the Truſtees of the Re-emitting Office deliver to the Houſe a Liſt of the Mortgages taken by them yearly, which ſaid Mortgages are to be Vouchers for their having annually lent out upon Loan, according to the Direction of this Act, the full Quota's paid in, according to the other two Acts for emitting Paper Currency.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Truſtees ſhall re-emit all principal Sums, paid in at ſuch Times as the Quota's may come in, together with the other Quota's.

Reſolved, That the Truſtee or Truſtees, who yearly receive the Quota's and Intereſt, ſign the Indorſement on the Back of the Mortgage Deed.

Reſolved, That not above *One Hundred Pounds*, and no leſs than *Twelve Pounds, Ten Shillings*, be lent to one Perſon upon Loan, within Months after the Quota's are received, and appointed to be lett out.

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to the Bill, to prevent the Pardoning the Fines and corporal Puniſhments by this Act to be inflicted.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, &c.

The Petition from *Coneſtogoe*, about vagrant and idle Perſons reſorting there, &c. was read the ſecond Time.

The Petition of ſome Inhabitants of this Province about reſtraining of Ferries from carrying over Servants, and that all Travellers be obliged to carry Paſſes or Certificates, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered.

Ordered, That the Laws relating to the better regulating of Servants, in this Province, be read:

Whereupon it is the Opinion of the Houſe, that Proviſion is thereby already made, that may relieve the Petitioners in ſome Reſpect.

The Petition of ſome Inhabitants of this Province about continuing the Quantity of Paper Bills now remaining, and renewing torn and defaced Bills, was read the ſecond Time.

Reſolved, That the ſame is anſwered by the Bill now before the Houſe.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Diſtilling of Spirits from Melaſſes, Corn and Fruit, in this Province*, was read the third Time; and a Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That the ſame be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act laying a Duty on* Negroes *imported into this Province*, was read the ſecond Time; and a Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That the ſame be deferred till To-morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 11th Mo. 21.

The Houſe met, &c.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Bill for encouraging Diſtilling in this Province, according to the Order of laſt Night:

Ordered, That the ſame be deferred to the next Meeting of this Aſſembly.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Act laying a Duty on *Negroes*, according to the Order of laſt Night:

Reſolved, That *Charles Read* be appointed the Officer for collecting the ſaid Duty.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed for a third Reading.

Then the Houſe proceeded upon the Re-emitting Bill; and, after ſome Debate about the Perſons to be appointed for Truſtees,

Reſolved, That only three Truſtees be appointed to emit the Quota's, as by this preſent Bill directed.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *Twenty Pounds per Annum*, a Piece, be allowed to three of the preſent Truſtees, for emitting the Quota's, and other Service, directed by the Re-emitting Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of regulating *Negroes*.

Reſolved, That where young *Negroes* are ſet free, or there be any Children of ſuch, the Overſeers of the Poor, with the Aſſiſtance of a Magiſtrate, have Power to put them out to Service for a certain Number of Years.

Reſolved, That *Ten Pounds per* Head be laid as a Duty on Convict *Negroes*, from the *Weſt-Indies*, or elſewhere.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Evan Owen*, and *Anthony Morris*, be a Committee to draw up a Bill for Regulation of *Negroes*, according to the ſeveral Reſolves of this Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

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The Houſe met, *&c.*

11th Mo. 21. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe being informed, that *Anthony Jacob Hinckel*, in Cuſtody of the Serjeant at Arms, who was diſcharged by Order of the Houſe, paying his Fees, obſtinately refuſes to pay or ſecure the ſame.

Whereupon, after ſome Debate,

Reſolved, That the ſaid *Anthony Jacob Hinckel*, ſtand committed to the County Goal of *Philadelphia*, until he comply with the ſaid Order of the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſaid Bill for emitting the Quota's.

Reſolved, That certain Days be prefix'd for the Exchanging of torn Bills; and that the ſame be the firſt *Fourth Day* of the Week called *Wedneſday*, in each Month, beſides other Times when the Office is open: And that they attend at the ſaid Office the firſt *Third Day* of the Week called *Tueſday*, every other Month, for the Emitting the Quota's.

Reſolved, That there be Proviſion made in the Re-emitting Bill for the Emitting yearly the Quota's of the Quota's.

Jeremiah Langhorne, one of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, acquaints the Houſe, that he had conſulted *William Fiſhbourn*, and they are willing to accept of the Truſt of re-emitting the Quota's for the Conſideration propoſed by the Houſe.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be committed to *John Wright* and *William Webb*, with the ſaid Amendments, for a third Reading.

Ordered, That it be an Inſtruction to the ſaid Committee, to take the ſeveral Reſolves of this Houſe as their Direction in the Amendments of the ſaid Bill.

Then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Time of Adjournment.

Reſolved, The ſame be till the Fourteenth of the *Twelfth Month* next.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *George Aſheton*, acquaint the Governor thereof; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

11th Mo. 22. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed on a Meſſage to the Governor laſt Night, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and the Governor ſaid, he was very well ſatisfied with the Time of Adjournment; and was pleaſed to ſay, that the Importation of Salt, from *Europe*, would be of great Advantage to this Province, and therefore hoped the Houſe would continue their Endeavours for obtaining that Liberty.

The Houſe, upon a Motion made, entered upon a Debate about the better Regulation of Publick-houſes;

Reſolved, That the Power of granting Licences ſhall be inveſted in the Magiſtrates.

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne* prepare a Bill for the ſaid Purpoſe, in order to lay before the Houſe at their next Sitting.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That *Francis Rawle*, and *Anthony Morris*, reviſe the Minutes; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Fourteenth of the *Twelfth Month*.

12th Mo. 14. THE Houſe met purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met, according to Adjournment, and are ready to proceed upon the Buſineſs before the Houſe; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

12th Mo. 15. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating of* Negroes *in this Province*, was brought in, according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Petition of ſome Diſtillers, ſetting forth, that having the Contents of a Bill (now before the Houſe) to encourage Diſtilling communicated to them, they conceive themſelves rather diſcouraged, and laid under great Hardſhips thereby, humbly begging Leave to propoſe ſome Amendments, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for re-emitting and continuing the Currency*, &c. was brought in by the Committee to whom the ſame was committed, with the Amendments inſerted according to Order; and the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, was read, and, after ſome Debate thereon, was referred for further Conſideration till the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt-Meridiem.* The Houſe met, *&c.*

And proceeded on the Bill for re-emitting and continuing Bills of Credit, *&c.* and, after Debates on ſeveral Amendments propoſed therein, was referred for further Conſideration till To-morrow Morning.

The Petition of a great many of the Inhabitants of this Province, ſetting forth, that the Selling of Liquors by Permits, hath filled the Town and Country with Tipling-houſes, who entertain Servants and *Negroes*, to the great Prejudice of their Maſters, as well as others, humbly praying that the ſaid Law be repealed, or Retailers brought under ſuch Reſtrictions as may occaſion better Order, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

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The Petition of the Inn-holders and Tavern-keepers, ſetting forth the great Damage ariſing from ſelling or retailing of Liquors by Permits; praying that ſuch Reſtrictions and Limitations be laid on thoſe Retailers, as may effectually prevent the bad Conſequences daily ariſing therefrom, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. *12th Mo.* 15.

Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 16.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed on a Meſſage to the Governor the 14th Inſtant, report, that the Governor was not then come to Town, but that they waited upon him ſince, and delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, that he had nothing at preſent to lay before the Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded on the Bill for re-emitting and continuing Bills of Credit, *&c.* and, after Debates on ſundry Paragraphs, and ſome Amendments agreed to be made,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

The Member appointed to draw up a Bill for the better regulating of Publick-houſes, and inveſting the Power of granting Licences in the Magiſtrates, reports, that he had not done the ſame, not well underſtanding the Mind of the Houſe in ſome material Points; whereupon it is

Ordered, That the Petitions about the Retailing of Liquors, by Permits, be ſeverally read a ſecond Time; which were accordingly read, and debated.

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to another Time; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt-Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe proceeded further on the Bill for re-emitting and continuing Bills of Credit, *&c.* and having gone through the ſeveral Paragraphs thereof, and agreed to divers Alterations,

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be re-committed to *Francis Rawle*, *Evan Owen*, *Anthony Morris*, *John Kearſley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *John Wright*, *William Biles*, and *William Webb*.

The Petition of *Elizabeth Fox*, and her Children, deſiring Leave to bring in a Bill for the Sale of a certain Meſſuage and Tenement (entailed on her ſaid Children after her Deceaſe) for the diſcharging of ſundry Debts created for the Maintenance and bringing up her ſaid Children, *&c.* was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating of* Negroes *in this Province*, was read a ſecond Time, and a Debate ariſing thereon,

Ordered, That the ſame be referred to another Opportunity; and then the Houſe adjourned till To-morrow at Three a Clock in the Afternoon. Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 17. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Diſtillers Petition was read the ſecond Time, and debated, and referred for further Conſideration till To-morrow Morning.

The Committee to whom the Bill for re-emitting and continuing, *&c.* was re-committed, report, that they had made a conſiderable Progreſs therein; but the appointing only three of the former Truſtees to act in the new Truſt intended by this Act does ſo perplex the Bill, that they find it very difficult to make the ſame clear and intelligible in the Method it is now in:

Whereupon the Houſe went upon the Conſideration thereof; and, after the ſame was debated, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the four Truſtees, appointed by the two Acts for emitting a Paper Currency, be continued to execute the Truſt intended by this Act? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that the fourth Truſtee ſhall have *Twenty Pounds per Annum* added to his former Salary, as allowed to the other Truſtees in the Bill now before the Houſe? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Upon a Motion made, a Debate aroſe in the Houſe, whether the *Twenty Pounds per Annum* a Piece, added to the *Seventy Pounds per Annum* Salary ſettled by the *Thirty Thouſand Pound* Act, ſhould be continued to the Expiration of the ſaid Act, or only for the ſix Years Re-emiſſion intended by this Act; and the Queſtion was put, that the ſame continue till the Expiration of the ſaid *Thirty Thouſand Pound* Act? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued to inſert the ſaid Amendments; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 18.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions about the Retailers of Liquors by Permits; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That a Clauſe be added to the Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere*, prohibiting thoſe Perſons (allowed to ſell Beer and Cyder by the *Nine Shilling* Licences) to ſell or retail any Rum, Wine, Brandy, or diſtilled Liquors, upon any Account whatſoever.

And

1725-26. *12th Mo.* 18. And accordingly a Clauſe being drawn up, and read, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſame be added to the Bill, and paſſed into a Law therewith? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Diſtillers Petition, according to the Order of Yeſterday.

Ordered, That the Bill for encouraging of Diſtilling in this Province, *&c.* referred to this Sitting for further Conſideration, by Order of the Twenty-firſt of the *Eleventh Month*, be now read; which was done accordingly.

And then the Amendments propoſed by the Petitioners being read, and ſeverally debated, ſome of them were agreed to, and ordered to be inſerted in the Bill.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.* *Ordered*, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſome Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, who have taken Leaſes of Ground for a certain Term of Years upon very low Rents, and made large Improvements thereon by Buildings, *&c.* praying they may be intitled to take up Money out of the Loan-Office, to anſwer their Exigencies; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

Then the Houſe proceeded further to take into Conſideration the Amendments propoſed by the Diſtillers in their Petition, according to the Order of this Morning.

Reſolved, That all Rum imported into this Province, which, upon Examination, ſhall be found under Proof, pay a Duty of *Three-pence per* Gallon, unleſs the Importer or Owner do cauſe the ſame to be exalted to the ſtated Strength and Purity of Proof Spirits.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill, with the Amendments, be paſſed into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Members for the City of *Philadelphia*, at the Requeſt of the Mayor and Recorder, laid before the Houſe a Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Appeals upon Taxes, to be laid on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Service thereof*, which was read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act laying a Duty on* Negroes *imported into this Province*, was read the third Time; and, after ſome Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſame paſs into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 19. *Ordered*, To be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Elizabeth Fox* was read the ſecond Time, and conſidered:

Reſolved, The ſaid Petition be rejected.

The Petition of divers Inhabitants of the City of *Philadelphia*, who have taken up Ground for a certain Term of Years upon Rent, and largely improved the ſame by Buildings, praying, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time, and debated:

Reſolved, That the ſaid Petition be rejected, inaſmuch as their Eſtates not being a Fee Simple, therefore, in the Opinion of the Houſe, not a proper Security to ſupport the Credit of the Paper Currency.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better Regulation of Appeals upon Taxes to be laid upon the Inhabitants of the City*, &c. was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide.

Ordered, That a Supplement to the Act *for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, be drawn up for that Purpoſe.

Reſolved, That the Appeal be before Commiſſioners, to be appointed by this Act, in the ſame Manner and Form as the County Levy Act directs.

Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 21. *Ordered*, That *Evan Owen*, and *Anthony Morris*, be a Committee to draw up the ſaid Bill; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Twenty-firſt Inſtant, at Three a Clock in the Afternoon.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-Morrow Morning.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Adjournment. *12th Mo.* 22. A Copy of extravagant Fees, taken in the Court of Admiralty, was laid before the Houſe; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered, That *Job Goodſon* and *Thomas Treſs*, compare the ſame with the Fees formerly taxed by the ſaid Court in this Province, and alſo with the Fees ſettled or uſually paid in the neighbouring Colonies, and that they make Report to this Houſe.

The Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Bill for better regulating of *Negroes*, according to the Order of the ſixteenth Inſtant; and, after a Debate on the ſame,

Reſolved, That executed *Negroes* be paid for out of the Duties, Fines and Forfeitures, ariſing from the Act laying a Duty on *Negroes*, &c. and an Act for better regulating *Negroes*, and no otherwiſe.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the farther Conſideration of the ſaid Bill be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. 1725-26. *12th Mo.* 22. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Committee (to whom the Bill for re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills of Credit, *&c.* was committed) delivered in at the Table the ſaid Bill, which was read, with the Amendments.

Then a Debate ariſing upon that Paragraph which appoints the Truſtees to lett out upon Loan all the Quota's or Parts of principal Sums, which were appointed to be ſunk and deſtroyed by the two other Acts for emitting Bills of Credit;

Ordered, That *Jeremiah Langhorne* take the ſaid Bill, and adviſe with the other Truſtees, whether that Paragraph does, to their Satisfaction, diſcharge them, and their Securities, from any Penalty or Forfeiture that might accrue for not ſinking or deſtroying the ſaid Bills of Credit, according to the Direction of the ſaid two Acts.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Bill for better regulating of *Negroes*, according to the Order of this Morning; and, after Debate thereon, and ſome Amendments made, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill be committed, with the ſaid Amendments, for a third Reading? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 23.

Ordered, That *William Webb*, and *George Aſheton*, carry the three Bills (whoſe Titles follow) to the Governor, for his Concurrence, *viz.* A Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere; an Act for the better enabling* Bernard Vanleer, *&c. to trade and hold Lands in this Province*; and *an Act laying a Duty on* Negroes *imported into this Province*: Who being returned, report, they delivered the ſaid Bills according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to ſay, he would call his Council, and diſpatch them as ſoon as poſſible; and deſires that what other Bills are before the Houſe may be ſent up.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for the better regulating* Negroes *in this Province*, was read the third Time, and ſome Alterations made:

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſame paſs into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, To be tranſcribed.

Jeremiah Langhorne delivered in at the Table the Bill for re-emitting and continuing, *&c.* with ſome Amendments propoſed by the Truſtees:

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe went upon the Amendments propoſed to the Re-emitting Bill, and agreed to the ſame.

Then a Motion was made, that an Addition of *Five Thouſand Pounds*, in new Bills, be ſtruck, for exchanging of thoſe that are torn and defaced, more than is already mentioned in the Re-emitting Bill; and the Queſtion was put, and *carried in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That the ſame *Five Thouſand Pounds* do conſiſt of Ten Thouſand *Five Shilling* Bills, and Five Thouſand *Ten Shilling* Bills; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *12th Mo.* 24.

The Committee appointed to negotiate the Affair about the Importation of Salt from *Europe*, report, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein.

Ordered, That they draw up a Repreſentation to lay before the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, and to be ſent Home along with the Repreſentation drawn up by *John Moore*, Eſq; Collector of his Majeſty's Cuſtoms.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued, under the Speaker's Hand, on the Provincial Treaſurer, for the Sum of *Ten Pounds*, payable to *John Moore*, Eſq; for his Care and Diligence in this Affair.

Then the Houſe proceeded on the Bill for re-emitting and continuing the Currency, *&c.* and coming to that Paragraph which appoints Signers, and the Reward for ſigning Bills of Credit, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that each Signer of Bills of Credit have *Three Pounds* allowed and paid him for each *Thouſand Pounds* Value he ſigns? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that only three Signers be mentioned and appointed in this Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That the further Conſideration be referred to the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Bill for the better regulating of *Negroes*, in this Province, being tranſcribed,

1725-26. *Ordered*, That *George Aſpeton*, and *William Paſchall*, carry the ſame to the Governor, and deſire his Concurrence thereto: Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bill, ac-
12th Mo. 24. cording to Order.

Then the Houſe proceeded on the Bill for re-emitting, *&c.* and a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *Evan Owen* be appointed one of the Signers of the ſaid Bills? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that *John Wright* be another? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that *William Biles* be another? *Carried in the Affirmative, N. C. D.*

Then, having gone through each Paragraph, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Bill paſs into a Law? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſame be tranſcribed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

12th Mo. 25. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by a Member of this Houſe, deſires that the Qualifications of thoſe *Palatines* mentioned in the Bill before him, be ſent up to the Council-board, in order that he may proceed on the ſaid Bill.

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills of Credit*, &c. being tranſcribed,

Ordered, That *John Wright*, and *Joſeph Fell*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence; and alſo deliver the Qualifications, according to the Requeſt of the Governor, and deſire to know whether any of the other Bills are ready to be ſent down: Who return, and report, they delivered the Bill, and Qualifications, with their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he would be as expeditious as poſſible.

The Motion about reviling the Laws, was revived again, and ſundry Debates were had thereupon; then, upon the Requeſt of the Houſe, the Speaker promiſed to proceed upon that Service.

The Petition of ſundry Merchants of the City of *Philadelphia*, ſhews, that they are informed there is a Bill before the Houſe for encouraging Diſtilling; and ſetting forth the great Abuſe and Diſcouragement the Trade and Traders of this Province have already, and are likely to meet with from ſuch an Undertaking; and that thoſe Spirits are exceedingly diſguſtful to the People, and very pernicious to their Conſtitutions, beſides the intolerable Frauds on the ſame, of large Sediments, with Mixtures of Dirt and Filth, to the apparent Loſs of the Purchaſers, beſides the Reproach they lie under of Cheats, and not fit to commerce with Men; all which, and much more, they offer to prove by Evidences now here, lately come from the Place where the ſame Spirits were ſold, humbly praying the ſaid Bill may not paſs; was preſented to the Houſe, and read.

Ordered, That the ſaid Petition be laid aſide, inaſmuch as the Bill has already paſſed the Houſe.

The Petition of *Joſeph Antrobus*, ſetting forth, that he has been arreſted, held to large Bail, embarraſſed and menaced by *John Leech*, for ſelling at Outcry: The ſaid *Leech* pretending a Commiſſion from his Excellency, and thereby debars him from publick Sales, which he is informed, by his Council in Law, is the Right of every Free-born Subject of *England*, &c. prays the Opinion of the Houſe, in Hopes his Excellency will concur therewith; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table; and then the
Adjournment. Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act for encouraging Diſtilling*, &c. being tranſcribed,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, and *John Wright*, carry the ſame to the Governor for his Concurrence: Who being returned, report, that they delivered the Bill, according to Order; and that the Governor ſent down the Bill laying a Duty on *Negroes*, with his Approbation thereof; and the Bill for the better enabling *Bernard Vanleer*, &c. with one Amendment, which the Houſe agrees to.

Ordered, That the ſaid two Bills be ingroſſed.

And alſo the Governor returned the Bill for re-emitting and continuing, *&c.* with ſundry Amendments propoſed:

Ordered, That the Conſideration of thoſe Amendments be deferred till To-morrow Morning.

An Account was exhibited to the Houſe, intituled, *Province of* Pennſylvania *Dr. to* David Lloyd, *Eſq*; *Chief Judge of the Supream Court of* Pennſylvania, amounting to the Sum of *Eighty-four Pounds, Sixteen Shillings*, and *Eight-pence*.

An Account Ditto, intituled, *Ditto Dr. to* William Trent, *Eſq*; *late one of the Judges of the Supream Court, of ſaid Province*, amounting to the Sum of *Thirty-ſix Pounds, Three Shillings*, and *Four-pence*.

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An Account Ditto, intituled, *Ditto Dr. to* Jaſpar Yeats, *Eſq. late one of the Judges of the Supream Court of the ſaid Province*, amounting to *Thirteen Pounds, Ten Shillings*. 1725-26. 11th Mo. 25.

Which Accounts were ſeverally read; and, after ſome Conſideration and Debates thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Accounts be allowed? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Reſolved, That Orders be iſſued upon the Provincial Treaſurer for the reſpective Sums aboveſaid, payable to the Perſons above-mentioned.

The Petition of *Joſeph Antrobus* was read the ſecond Time, and debated.

Reſolved, That the Petitioner be referred to the common Law (where he ſays the Matter is depending) for Remedy, the Legiſlature not interfering where Remedy may be otherwiſe had.

Then the Houſe entered upon the Conſideration of the Governor's Support for the remaining Part of the current Year; and, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and the Queſtion was put, that *Six Hundred Pounds* be allowed and paid to the Governor, for the remaining Part of his Support this current Year? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 12th Mo. 26.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

And proceeded to conſider of the Amendments propoſed by the Governor in Council to the Money Bill; and, after Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the ſame be further conſidered the next Meeting; and then the Houſe adjourned till the firſt Day of the *Firſt Month* called *March* next. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 1.

The Houſe met, *&c.* and adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 2.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor's Secretary brought back the three Bills following, *viz.*

The Bill, intituled, *An Act to encourage the Diſtilling of Spirits from Melaſſes, Corn and Fruit, in this Province*, with two Petitions, which were preſented to that Board; as likewiſe the Governor's Reaſons in Council againſt the Paſſing ſuch a Bill.

An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere, with the Governor's Reaſons in Council againſt the ſaid Bill's paſſing. And

An Act for the better regulating of *Negroes* in this Province, with ſundry Amendments, propoſed by the Governor in Council.

Then the Houſe proceeded to conſider of the Amendments offered by the Governor to the Bill for re-emitting, *&c.* and having debated the firſt, and agreed thereto, proceeded to conſider of that Clauſe (nominating the Clerk of the Loan-Office) propoſed to be added to the Bill; and, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Clerk of the General Loan-Office, for the Time being, ſhall have and receive the Fees allowed him by the ſaid *Thirty Thouſand Pound* Act? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Governor ſent to the Houſe, by a Member, two written Meſſages, which were read and conſidered.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration what the Governor had mentioned therein relating to the Clerk of the Loan-Office's being nominated by the Houſe; and, after a long Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the Clerk of the Loan-Office be nominated by the Houſe, and mentioned in the Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Then the Queſtion was put, that *Charles Brockden* be the Perſon? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That a Clauſe be drawn up for that Purpoſe againſt To-morrow Morning.

William Biles, voted to be Signer of the Bills of Credit, deſires to reſign the ſame to *Thomas Treſs*; which being debated, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that *Thomas Treſs* be nominated in the Bill, *Signer*, in the Room of *William Biles*? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 3.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of *Joſeph Brown*, was preſented to the Houſe, and read, which acquaints the Houſe, that he was informed a Petition was laid before the Governor, ſetting forth, that *W. Attwood* having bought three Hogſheads of Spirits of his Manufacture, ſent the ſame to *Maryland*, which, upon Sale there, was found unmerchantable, thick or foul, and mixed with Lime, to the great Injury of him, and with a Deſign to prevent the Paſſing a Bill lying before his Excellency for encouraging the Diſtilling, *&c.* ſetting forth the Impoſſibility of ſuch Mixtures, and that if any Foulneſs was found therein, it muſt have been done after he delivered the ſame; and humbly prays that a fit Perſon be ſent forthwith to ſearch and try all the Spirits in his Still-houſe, which he is ready to depoſe upon Oath are of the ſame Condition as the ſaid three Hogſheads, and refers himſelf to *Benjamin Morgan*, who then gauged and examined the ſame.

Then the Governor's Reaſons againſt the Paſſing of ſuch a Bill were read, and alſo the Petitions ſent down from the Governor with the ſaid Bill; and, the ſame being debated,

Reſolved,

1725-26. *Reſolved*, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide, till the next Sitting of this Aſſembly, for further Conſideration.

1ſt Mo. 3. Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that an Addreſs be drawn up, and ſent to the Governor, requeſting him to take the ſame again under his Conſideration? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *John Wright*, be appointed to draw up the ſame.

The Clauſe for appointing a Clerk being drawn up, according to laſt Night's Order, was delivered in at the Table, and read; and ſome Alterations being made, the Queſtion was put, that the ſame be added to the Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Firſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments, in Council, to the Bill for regulating *Negroes* in this Province; and being ſeverally read, and debated, were ſettled, and the Bill altered accordingly.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration the Reaſons offered by the Governor, in Council, againſt the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the ſame be returned again to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Edward Farmar*, *William Biles*, and *John Wright*, carry up the ſame; and that they likewiſe carry the Bill for the better regulating of *Negroes*, and the Bill for re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills, *&c.* and deſire the Governor's Concurrence to them as now amended: Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bills according to Order; and the Governor agrees to the two laſt mentioned Bills, and will further conſider the former, and offer his Amendments thereto To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, That the ſaid two Bills be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1ſt Mo. 4. The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, and whole Houſe, immediately, at his own Houſe. And accordingly the Speaker, and the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Governor had returned the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere, with ſome Amendments propoſed; and was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which the Speaker delivered in at the Table, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Gentlemen of the ASSEMBLY,

Governor's Speech. ‘THE Publick Buſineſs, notwithſtanding many Obſtructions, having, at laſt, by your Care and Diſcretion, been brought to a happy Iſſue for this Seaſon, I could not part with you before I had expreſſed my grateful Thanks for, and my great Satisfaction with, your prudent Management.

‘My Duty to the King, the Proprietary, and the Country, were, I do aſſure you, the only Motives that forced me to appear in a publick Defence of our Conſtitution, againſt thoſe who thought fit to publiſh and maintain, that altho' there was no legal Pretence for a Legiſlative Council in the preſent Frame of Government, yet the Legiſlative Authority might be reſtrained and bound up from paſſing ſuch Bills into Laws as were approved by the Governor and Aſſembly, by the Force of certain private Inſtructions from the Proprietary's Family, which, both from Law and Reaſon, have been fully demonſtrated to be inconſiſtent and void; ſo that if the Author and Publiſher thinks, that what he has lately advanced in a private Letter to a Member of this Houſe, *viz.* "That the Governor has proved, beyond the Poſſibility of a Contradiction, that he is liable to be removed by his Principal for refuſing to obey the ſaid private Inſtructions, which have appeared to be ſo inconſiſtent with Law and Reaſon," can be of any Service to his Argument, or to his Maſter's, I ſay much Good may it do him; for I firmly hope, that my Behaviour in my Duty, both to the King, and the Proprietary, will always be agreeable unto, and regulated by, the known Laws of the Land; and that theſe may hereafter, as well as now, be fully and clearly underſtood in ſo material a Point, I cannot but recommend this Paper, which is now in my Hands, to be depoſited with you amongſt the Records of Aſſembly, unto which I think it has a juſt Title; not only as it is addreſſed unto the Houſe, and compoſed by an eminent Gentleman of the Law, who at this Time fills the Chair, but alſo becauſe it contains excellent Matter, and ſuch ſtrong Reaſoning, in many Parts of it, as will be inſtructive and uſeful to Poſterity.

‘That

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'That the Gentleman, who not only adviſed theſe private Inſtructions in *England*, but afterwards firſt publiſhed them in Print here, and openly appeared as an Author in Defence of them, made the firſt Attack upon me, as well as the Chief Juſtice, in this Cauſe, is evident to every honeſt impartial Man, who will but compare the Dates of the ſeveral Papers that have been publiſhed on this Subject, wherein we profeſs ourſelves all along to be no other than Defendants moſt imperiouſly provoked, and neceſſarily called upon, to do what we have done.

'Nevertheleſs, ſince what was truly neceſſary and wanting in order to guard againſt any future Infringement of the Rights and Liberties of the People here, is from the Pains that have been taken by the Chief Juſtice and myſelf, I think ſufficiently ſupplied; I take this Opportunity in Publick to declare, that I am in perfect Charity with all Men, and I do, on the Faith of a Chriſtian, ſincerely forgive thoſe who poſſibly may have, at any Time, been ſuſpected to intend me, or my Family, perſonal Injuries; and, in Conſequence hereof, I do aſſure you, Gentlemen, that I ever was, and am, at this Time, heartily diſpoſed to promote Peace, and univerſally to encourage brotherly Love and true Friendſhip amongſt the People of this Province; ſo I will from this Day drop all Kind of Arguments on my own Part except what ſhall from Time to Time evidently appear to be neceſſary to ſupport and defend the King's royal Prerogative, the Proprietary's juſt Rights, and the Liberties of the People; and every Man who will but contentedly ſit down, and believe theſe three Things in the preſent Conſtitution of this Province to be perfectly conſiſtent with each other, ſhall at all Times, and on all Occaſions, be moſt heartily welcome to me, and to every good Office that I am able to do for him.

'Gentlemen, if there be any Thing yet remaining that perhaps may have eſcaped my Thoughts, which can be propoſed by Men of Honour, Sobriety and Diſcretion, amongſt us, for compoſing the Animoſities, and reconciling the unhappy Differences that have lately appeared between a very few Perſons who formerly lived in Friendſhip together, I ſhall not only be ready to comply with, but even eſteem and thank thoſe, who, with Integrity, ſhall endeavour to promote ſo good a Work.'

And the Speaker farther reported, that the Governor delivered him a Paper, intituled, *A farther Vindication of the Rights and Privileges of the People of this Province of* Pennſylvania, humbly offered to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, met in General Aſſembly, this fourth Day of the Month called *March*, 1725-26; which the Speaker likewiſe delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Reading thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe went upon the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers, *&c.* and agrees to them.

Ordered, To be inſerted in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

Poſt Meridiem.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift reported, that the Governor would ſend two Members of Council, this Afternoon, to examine the ingroſſed Bills: And accordingly *Robert Aſheton*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, Eſquires, Members of Council, attended.

Ordered, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *William Webb*, be a Committee to join the ſaid Members of Council for that Service.

The Addreſs to the Governor, concerning the Diſtillers Bill, was brought in by the Members appointed, and read, and agreed to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Addreſs to the Governor.

AS the Promoting of Manufactures is, in all politick Nations, eſteemed neceſſary for preſerving as well as increaſing the Riches, and enlarging the Trade of a Country; ſo from the ſame Views (being moved by Petition) this Houſe aſſented to a Bill to encourage the Manufacturing of Spirits from Melaſſes, &c. in our own Province; but finding the Governor not inclined, at preſent, to aſſent thereto, becauſe of Objections offered againſt it by ſome Petitions, which Objections being ſuch as may poſſibly be obviated hereafter by proper Proviſions in a Law; and the ill Character (which the Objecting Petitioners have given) to our Manufacture may, by ſome prudent Means, be ſtopt; we therefore deſire the Governor would be pleaſed to reſume the Conſideration thereof at our next Meeting.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

March 5, 1725-26. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

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Reſolved, That the ſaid Bill be laid aſide, till the next Sitting of this Aſſembly, for further Conſideration.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that an Addreſs be drawn up, and ſent to the Governor, requeſting him to take the ſame again under his Conſideration? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *John Wright*, be appointed to draw up the ſame.

The Clauſe for appointing a Clerk being drawn up, according to laſt Night's Order, was delivered in at the Table, and read; and ſome Alterations being made, the Queſtion was put, that the ſame be added to the Bill? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Bill, intituled, *A Supplementary Act to the Act for raiſing Money on the Inhabitants of the City of* Philadelphia, *for the Publick Uſe and Benefit thereof*, was brought in according to Order, and read the firſt Time, and ordered a ſecond Reading; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Pyſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Amendments, in Council, to the Bill for regulating *Negroes* in this Province; and being ſeverally read, and debated, were ſettled, and the Bill altered accordingly.

Then the Houſe took into Conſideration the Reaſons offered by the Governor, in Council, againſt the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the ſame be returned again to the Governor for his Concurrence.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Edward Farmar*, *William Biles*, and *John Wright*, carry up the ſame; and that they likewiſe carry the Bill for the better regulating of *Negroes*, and the Bill for re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills, *&c.* and deſire the Governor's Concurrence to them as now amended: Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bills according to Order; and the Governor agrees to the two laſt mentioned Bills, and will further conſider the former, and offer his Amendments thereto To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment. 1ſt Mo. 4.

Ordered, That the ſaid two Bills be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, and whole Houſe, immediately, at his own Houſe. And accordingly the Speaker, and the Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, That the Governor had returned the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere, with ſome Amendments propoſed; and was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which the Speaker delivered in at the Table, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Governor's Speech.

Gentlemen of the ASSEMBLY,

"THE Publick Buſineſs, notwithſtanding many Obſtructions, having, at laſt, by your Care and Diſcretion, been brought to a happy Iſſue for this Seaſon, I could not part with you before I had expreſſed my grateful Thanks for, and my great Satisfaction with, your prudent Management.

"My Duty to the King, the Proprietary, and the Country, were, I do aſſure you, the only Motives that forced me to appear in a publick Defence of our Conſtitution, againſt thoſe who thought fit to publiſh and maintain, that altho' there was no legal Pretence for a Legiſlative Council in the preſent Frame of Government, yet the Legiſlative Authority might be reſtrained and bound up from paſſing ſuch Bills into Laws as were approved by the Governor and Aſſembly, by the Force of certain private Inſtructions from the Proprietary's Family, which, both from Law and Reaſon, have been fully demonſtrated to be inconſiſtent and void; ſo that if the Author and Publiſher thinks, that what he has lately advanced in a private Letter to a Member of this Houſe, *viz.* "That the Governor has proved, beyond the Poſſibility of a Contradiction, that he is liable to be removed by his Principal for refuſing to obey the ſaid private Inſtructions, which have appeared to be ſo inconſiſtent with Law and Reaſon," can be of any Service to his Argument, or to his Maſter's, I ſay much Good may it do him; for I firmly hope, that my Behaviour in my Duty, both to the King, and the Proprietary, will always be agreeable unto, and regulated by, the known Laws of the Land; and that theſe may hereafter, as well as now, be fully and clearly underſtood in ſo material a Point, I cannot but recommend this Paper, which is now in my Hands, to be depoſited with you amongſt the Records of Aſſembly, unto which I think it has a juſt Title; not only as it is addreſſed unto the Houſe, and compoſed by an eminent Gentleman of the Law, who at this Time fills the Chair, but alſo becauſe it contains excellent Matter, and ſuch ſtrong Reaſoning, in many Parts of it, as will be inſtructive and uſeful to Poſterity.

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'That the Gentleman, who not only adviſed theſe private Inſtructions in *England*, but afterwards firſt publiſhed them in Print here, and openly appeared as an Author in Defence of them, made the firſt Attack upon me, as well as the Chief Juſtice, in this Cauſe, is evident to every honeſt impartial Man, who will but compare the Dates of the ſeveral Papers that have been publiſhed on this Subject, wherein we profeſs ourſelves all along to be no other than Defendants moſt imperiouſly provoked, and neceſſarily called upon, to do what we have done.

'Nevertheleſs, ſince what was truly neceſſary and wanting in order to guard againſt any future Infringement of the Rights and Liberties of the People here, is from the Pains that have been taken by the Chief Juſtice and myſelf, I think ſufficiently ſupplied; I take this Opportunity in Publick to declare, that I am in perfect Charity with all Men, and I do, on the Faith of a Chriſtian, ſincerely forgive thoſe who poſſibly may have, at any Time, been ſuſpected to intend me, or my Family, perſonal Injuries; and, in Conſequence hereof, I do aſſure you, Gentlemen, that I ever was, and am, at this Time, heartily diſpoſed to promote Peace, and univerſally to encourage brotherly Love and true Friendſhip amongſt the People of this Province; ſo I will from this Day drop all Kind of Arguments on my own Part except what ſhall from Time to Time evidently appear to be neceſſary to ſupport and defend the King's royal Prerogative, the Proprietary's juſt Rights, and the Liberties of the People; and every Man who will but contentedly ſit down, and believe theſe three Things in the preſent Conſtitution of this Province to be perfectly conſiſtent with each other, ſhall at all Times, and on all Occaſions, be moſt heartily welcome to me, and to every good Office that I am able to do for him.

'Gentlemen, if there be any Thing yet remaining that perhaps may have eſcaped my Thoughts, which can be propoſed by Men of Honour, Sobriety and Diſcretion, amongſt us, for compoſing the Animoſities, and reconciling the unhappy Differences that have lately appeared between a very few Perſons who formerly lived in Friendſhip together, I ſhall not only be ready to comply with, but even eſteem and thank thoſe, who, with Integrity, ſhall endeavour to promote ſo good a Work.'

And the Speaker farther reported, that the Governor delivered him a Paper, intituled, *A farther Vindication of the Rights and Privileges of the People of this Province of* Pennſylvania, humbly offered to the Conſideration of the Houſe of Repreſentatives, met in General Aſſembly, this fourth Day of the Month called *March*, 1725-26; which the Speaker likewiſe delivered in at the Table.

Ordered, That the Reading thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

Then the Houſe went upon the Amendments propoſed by the Governor to the Bill for the better regulating the Retailers, *&c.* and agrees to them.

Ordered, To be inſerted in the Bill accordingly.

Ordered, That the ſaid Bill be ingroſſed; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Swift reported, that the Governor would ſend two Members of Council, this Afternoon, to examine the ingroſſed Bills: And accordingly *Robert Aſheton*, and *William Fiſhbourn*, Eſquires, Members of Council, attended.

Ordered, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *William Webb*, be a Committee to join the ſaid Members of Council for that Service.

The Addreſs to the Governor, concerning the Diſtillers Bill, was brought in by the Members appointed, and read, and agreed to be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Lieutenant Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, &c.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Addreſs to the Governor.

AS the Promoting of Manufactures is, in all politick Nations, eſteemed neceſſary for preſerving as well as increaſing the Riches, and enlarging the Trade of a Country; ſo from the ſame Views (being moved by Petition) this Houſe aſſented to a Bill to encourage the Manufacturing of Spirits from Melaſſes, &c. in our own Province; but finding the Governor not inclined, at preſent, to aſſent thereto, becauſe of Objections offered againſt it by ſome Petitions, which Objections being ſuch as may poſſibly be obviated hereafter by proper Proviſions in a Law; and the ill Character (which the Objecting Petitioners have given) to our Manufacture may, by ſome prudent Means, be ſtopt; we therefore deſire the Governor would be pleaſed to reſume the Conſideration thereof at our next Meeting.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

March 5, 1725-26. DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

1725-26. 1st Mo. 4. The further Vindication of the Rights and Privileges of the People of this Province, &c. was read; and, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the same be returned to the Governor, to the End it may be ready to defend the Constitution upon another Attack? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

An Application from *James Logan*, directed to the House of Representatives, was introduced by a Member, which was read, and is as follows.

To the Honourable House of REPRESENTATIVES for the Province of *Pennsylvania*,

JAMES LOGAN, Secretary and Agent to the Honourable the Proprietary's Family,

Humbly sheweth,

Declaration of *James Logan* to the Assembly.

THAT having, to my great Surprize, discovered since the Meeting of this present Assembly, that Numbers of the good People of this Province had very much misapprehended what I had advanced concerning the Council of the same: For removing these Mistakes, I found it necessary, in Part of a Paper (drawn for that Purpose, and delivered to some Members) to declare myself as follows, VIZ.

'James Logan *never alledged that the Council of this Province, under the present Constitu-*
'*tion, is a Part of its Legislative Authority; or that, as a Council, they are otherwise con-*
'*cerned in it than in Conjunction with the Governor at the Board, or in Committees or Confe-*
'*rences, by his Appointment and Direction; or that an Act, passed by the Governor and Assem-*
'*bly, without the Council, is not of as much Force as if it had their Concurrence and Appro-*
'*bation: But even* David Lloyd *himself has fully acknowledged their Part in it, in these Words*
'*of his Print,* viz. *That he* never knew any so senseless as to say, that the Governor is con-
'cluded [*by Law or Charter*] of having a Council to advise and assist in Legislation; *be-*
'*yond which, no Man ever asserted they have a Right in this Province.*

'*And whether the Proprietary can lay his Deputy under Restrictions, is now rendered fully*
'*intelligible to every Capacity by the Governor himself, in reducing the Case to this narrow*
'*Point,* viz. *That the greatest of Deputies can break their Instructions; and that they are li-*
'*able to be removed for it; beyond which, the Matter will not bear a further Argument.*

'*All other Attempts, therefore, to labour these Points, can tend only to continue dishonour-*
'*able Disputes in the Government, and to engage the whole Country in Quarrels, that can no*
'*otherwise affect it than by involving it in the Reproach, and heaping Provocations on the*
'*Proprietary's Family.*

Now this Declaration, may it please the House, will, I hope, be found so full and satisfactory, that the Subject cannot reasonably admit of any further Discussion. I am nevertheless informed, that the same Points are still laboured, and vast Pains are taken, not only to continue the Debate, but further to misrepresent me to the People: I therefore humbly request this honourable House, that if they shall think fit to admit any Writing of that Kind upon their Minutes, and shall order or suffer its Publication, they would be pleased also to cause this to be subjoined to the same: And if by the Authority of the House such Writings are brought to publick View, that I may by the same Authority be allowed, without Offence, to proceed in my own Vindication. The House's Favour in which, shall ever be duly acknowledged,

By their faithful Friend, and Servant,

Philadelphia, March 4, 1725-26. JAMES LOGAN.

Adjournment. *Ordered*, To be laid aside; and then the House adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

1st Mo. 5. The House met, &c.

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Thomas Tresse*, *William Biles*, and *William Webb*, carry the ingrossed Bills to the Governor, and desire to know when the House shall attend, in order to have them passed into Laws; and that they likewise return the Paper, intituled, *A further Vindication*, &c. and acquaint the Governor, that this House is of Opinion, that all those Matters are at present quiet; but if there should be any further Attacks made upon the Constitution, he would be pleased to make Use of the said Paper in Defence thereof; and also, that they return the Distillers Bill, with the Address, and the Petitions, which were sent down from that Board; and that the House incline to adjourn till the First of *August* next: But if the Affair about the *Indians* should require their coming together sooner, they desire the Governor would please to call them: and that the House returns their hearty Thanks for his Speech; but having concluded to adjourn this Evening, have not Time to draw up a suitable Address in Answer thereto: Who return, and report, that they delivered the Bills, and their Message, according to Order; and that the Governor would be ready about Twelve a Clock to receive the House, in order to pass the Laws; and would send a written Message to the House in about Half an Hour; and was satisfied with the proposed Time of Adjournment; and that, if any Dissatisfaction should appear in the *Indians*, he would take Care to satisfy them, or call the Assembly, if Necessity required.

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The Governor, by his Secretary, ſent a written Meſſage to the Houſe, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Meſſage.

'THE Magiſtracy of the reſpective Counties of this Province having frequently applied unto me to ſupply the Office of Attorney-General with a fit Perſon to execute that neceſſary and uſeful Truſt; and finding it difficult to perſuade any ingenious Practitioner of the Law to accept of the ſaid Office, unleſs the Aſſembly will pleaſe to vote the uſual Salary for his Encouragement and Support, I thought proper to acquaint the Houſe, that I would very willingly make Choice of *Joſeph Growdon*, junior, as a young Gentleman whoſe Birth and Education in this Province, added to his Father's former good Services, and his own very ſufficient Qualifications, will, I hope, recommend him as much to your Favour, as they have to every good Office that is in my Power to do for his Encouragement.'

WILLIAM KEITH.

Then, after Debate thereon, the Houſe, conſidering the Neceſſity of ſuch an Officer, and approving of the Perſon recommended by the Governor, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſaid Perſon be allowed *Fifty Pounds per Annum*, for that Service? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the Publick Accounts, and ſink the Bills of Credit, *&c.* is continued to compleat that Service.

The Committee appointed to draw up a Repreſentation to lay before the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms, report, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein, and deſire more Time to compleat the ſame.

Ordered, That the ſaid Committee be continued, and when they have compleated the ſaid Repreſentation for obtaining the Liberty of importing *European* Salt, the Speaker ſign the ſame, in order to be ſent Home by the firſt Opportunity.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, and whole Houſe, at his own Houſe, immediately, in order to paſs the Laws: Who accordingly went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had paſſed into Laws the five Bills, whoſe Titles follow, *viz.*

An Act for the re-emitting and continuing the Currency of ſuch Bills of Credit of this Province as by former Acts are directed to be ſunk and deſtroy'd, and for the ſtriking and making current Ten Thouſand Pounds, *in new Bills, to ſupply thoſe that are torn and defaced.*

An Act for laying a Duty on Negroes *imported into this Province.*

An Act for the better enabling of Bernard Vanleer, Arent Haſſert, Michael Smiths, William Seliger, Arnolt Bamberger, William Hilligart, *and* Ulrick Hageman, *to trade and hold Lands in this Province.*

An Act for the better regulating of Negroes *in this Province.*

An Act for the better regulating the Retailers of Liquors near the Iron-works, and elſewhere.

And the Speaker further reported, that the Governor, in Anſwer to the Addreſs, ſaid, "That he had appointed four of the Council to prepare a Bill for encouraging Diſtilling, in order to lay before the Aſſembly, at their next Meeting:" And that *Evan Owen*, and *Thomas Treſs*, were ordered to go to the Rolls Office, to ſee the Great-Seal of the Province affixed to the Laws: Who return, and report, they ſaw the ſame done accordingly.

Ordered, That the Speaker iſſue an Order, under his Hand, on the Provincial Treaſurer, for *Six Hundred Pounds*, payable to Sir *William Keith*, for the remaining Part of his Support, this current Year; which was done accordingly; and then the Houſe adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

Poſt Meridiem.

Reſolved, That an Order be iſſued under the Speaker's Hand for the Sum of *Ninety Pounds*, payable to *Francis Rawle*, *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, to defray the Charge of negotiating the Affair about Importation of *European* Salt; which was done accordingly.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the ſundry Accounts following, and being ſeverally read, and debated,

Reſolved, That the Speaker iſſue Orders under his Hand for the ſeveral Sums following, to the reſpective Perſons hereafter named, *viz.*

To *David Lloyd*, Eſq; his Salary as Chief Judge of the Province, —	£	100	0 0
To Ditto, for former Services, as Chief Judge, —— ——		84	16 8
To *Jaſper Yeats*, Eſq; his Executors, formerly one of the Judges of the ſaid Province, —— ——		13	10 0
To *William Trent*, Eſq; his Executors, formerly one of the ſaid Judges,		36	3 4
Carried over,	£	234	10 0

1725-26.	Brought over,	£	234	10 0
1st Mo. 5.	To *Richard Hill*, Esq; his Salary as one of the Provincial Judges,		25	0 0
	To *Robert Asheton*, Esq; for Ditto,		25	0 0
	To *John Moore*, for his negotiating the Affair about importing *European* Salt,		10	0 0
	To *Patrick Baird*, to compleat his last Year's Salary,		5	0 0
	To *Richard Tomlinson*, immediate Service of the House,		1	6 9
	To *Rebecca Cook*, Sundries for the House's Use,		2	6 0
	To *Samuel Carpenter*, the Half of his Salary, as Searcher of Flour,		15	0 0
	To *John Eyers*, Sundries for the Use of the House,		8	10 9
	To *John Ramsay*, Door-keeper to the Council,		1	4 0
	To *Thomas Leech*, for Immediate Service of the House,		20	12 6
	To the Governor,		600	0 0
	To the Committee, for negotiating Salt,		90	0 0
	Total Draught on the Provincial Treasurer,	£	1038	10 0

A written Message from *Samuel Preston*, Provincial Treasurer, was delivered to the House, requesting, That he may have an Order upon the Loan-Office, to enable him to answer the several Orders issued this Sessions.

Resolved, That the Speaker issue an Order, under his Hand, upon the Trustees of the General Loan-Office, for the Payment of the Interest to the Provincial Treasurer, which is, or shall become due to the Province, from the two Acts for emitting a Paper Currency, not exceeding *One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*; which was done accordingly.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, *Anthony Morris*, and *John Kearsley*, revise the Minutes; and that they likewise take Care to get the Laws (passed this Sessions) printed; and then the House adjourned till the first Day of the *Sixth Month*.

Adjournment,

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3d Mo. 30. THE Governor having been pleased to issue his Summons, to convene the Assembly this Day, the House met accordingly, and the Speaker assumed the Chair, and the Members being called, a Quorum appeared.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, and *Edward Farmar*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him that the House is met pursuant to his Summons, and desire to know his Pleasure; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment.

3d Mo. 31. The House met, &c.

The Members appointed last Night on a Message to the Governor, report, that they delivered their Message, according to Order; and the Governor answered, that he had something to lay before the House, and would send for them to the Court-house about Ten a Clock this Day.

A Message from the Governor, by his Secretary, desires the Attendance of the Speaker, and the whole House, immediately, at the Court-house: Accordingly the Speaker, and House, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker resumed the Chair, and reported, That the Governor had made a Speech to this House, a Copy of which the Speaker delivered in at the Table, which was read, and is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the ASSEMBLY,

Governor's Speech. HEREWITH lay before you an Abstract of the Contents of four Letters, which I lately received from my Correspondents, at *London*, so far as they relate to the Publick Business of this Province; and in the present Situation of Affairs, I think it will best become me to submit this Subject unto your own prudent Deliberations, without any Commentary whatsoever.

'It is, this very Day, nine Years compleat since I arrived at *Philadelphia*, and took upon me the Government of this Province, by Virtue of such legal Powers as were satisfactory to all Parties concerned, and, by the Blessing of God upon my honest Endeavours, it is universally known, that the Province of *Pennsylvania* has, during my Time, enjoy'd Tranquility at Home, acquired Reputation Abroad, and is now in a more flourishing Condition than ever it was at any Time before.

'The King's Majesty's royal and most just Authority here over his Subjects, has indeed been asserted and maintained on all Occasions; but at the same time the Peoples Liberties and Privileges have also been inviolably preserved, and the Proprietary's just Rights supported.

'It is well known to many of the present Members of your House, in what a miserable lame Condition the executive Powers of Government were in at my Arrival, and how diligently I have all along supported the Authority of the Magistracy, with repeated and distinguishing Marks of Favour to the People called *Quakers*.

'You cannot therefore but be of Opinion, that to charge me with being an Enemy to that People, is a monstrous Composition of Falshood, and black Ingratitude: Nay, I do

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'aver it, to be a Duty incumbent upon you, to juſtify the Body of that People here from being ſuſpected to have any Share in abetting ſuch a calumnious Forgery againſt their conſtant Friend, Benefactor and Governor. 1726. 3d Mo. 31.

'Gentlemen, the Integrity and good Harmony that has ever ſubſiſted between me and the Aſſemblies of this Province, urged me to think it a Part of my Duty, as well as a Piece of good Manners, to call you together on this Occaſion, to thank you, as I do moſt heartily, for the many Favours and generous Benefactions which I have, from Time to Time, received at the Hands of the good People of *Pennſylvania*; and if there be any Thing wanting, which is yet in my Power to do for the further Service of this People and Country, I have now the Pleaſure to aſſure you, that you ſhall command all the Faculties which belong to a moſt grateful and willing Heart in your Service; and as long as the Remembrance of Things which have been publickly tranſacted during my Adminiſtration here, can be faithfully preſerved, I doubt not but the Example will be both uſeful and acceptable hereafter unto thoſe amongſt us, who truly hate Oppreſſion, and love the Thing that is juſt.'

And the Speaker further reported, that the Governor alſo delivered him a Paper, intituled, *An Abſtract of four miſſive Letters lately ſent to Sir* William Keith, *from his Agents and Correſpondents in* London, *relating to the preſent State of the Government of the Province of* Pennſylvania, *&c.* which was likewiſe delivered in at the Table, and read.

Ordered, That the Governor's Speech, and the ſaid Abſtract of Letters, be read and conſidered in the Afternoon; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The Houſe met, *&c.* *Poſt Meridiem.*

The Governor's Speech, and ſaid Abſtract, were ſeverally read, according to the Order of this Morning; and, after a long Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be referred till To-morrow.

The Petition of many Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, ſetting forth, that the People in general cannot but have ſenſibly felt the happy Effect of the Governor's Adminiſtration; and that his Removal is owing partly to his having ſteadily aſſerted the Rights and Privileges of the People, and partly to Miſrepreſentations of his Conduct to the Honourable Proprietary's Family; humbly praying, that this honourable Houſe will give ſome ſenſible Mark of their Eſteem, which will prove an Encouragement to ſucceeding Governors of this Province, always to have at Heart and maintain the Intereſt and Welfare of the People; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The *Indians* (who claim Right to certain Lands upon *Brandy-wine* Creek) came to wait upon the Houſe, and by a Member of this Houſe, ſent in a Paper they received from *James Logan*; and likewiſe a Meſſage that they were not ſatisfied therewith, and therefore made further Application to this Houſe for Redreſs; which Paper being read, the Houſe entered into a Debate thereon, and, after ſome Time, referred the further Conſideration thereof till To-morrow; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment. *4th Mo.* 1.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of *Cheſter* County, expreſſing their grateful Acknowledgments of the many Benefits they have received from the Governor's Adminiſtration, humbly praying this honourable Houſe will be pleaſed to give Sir *William Keith* ſuch ſenſible Marks of Eſteem, as may effectually prevent the leaſt Imputation of Ingratitude; was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Houſe proceeded further on the Conſideration of the Affair relating to the *Indians*.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen* go to the Commiſſioners of Property, and deſire ſome of them to attend, in order to inform the Houſe what Progreſs hath been made with *Nathaniel Newlin* towards an Accommodation: Who returned, and reported, that he ſpoke with *James Logan*, one of the Commiſſioners of Property, according to Order, and that he was ready to attend the Houſe in order to acquaint them what had been done in that Affair; who being called in, produced an *Indian* Deed, dated 1685, ſigned by thirteen *Indian* Kings, which conveys all the Lands from *Duck-Creek* to *Upland-Creek*, alias *Cheſter*, and as far back as a Man could ride on Horſe-back in two Days; and ſays, he finds no Footſteps of any Re-conveyance neither in the Land-Office nor upon Record; but that in 1705, the *Indians* laid Claim to all the Land from the Mouth of *Brandy-wine*, up the Weſt-branch to the Head, in Breadth a Mile on each Side of that Branch; and afterwards the Commiſſioners purchaſed of the *Indians* all the Lands from the Mouth of *Brandy-wine*, up to a certain Rock by *Abraham Marſhall*'s Line, for the Sum of *One Hundred Pounds*; *Seventy-three Pounds Eight Shillings* of which was then paid to their Chiefs, and the Remainder they paid Yeſterday, and the Chiefs of the *Indians* ſigned a Releaſe, but ſaid they wanted ſome Inſtrument ſigned to them, that they might know what was theirs, and be ſecured in it; but the Commiſſioners told them, it was not, at this Time, in their Power to make them any Grant of the ſaid Lands, but that they ſhould not be diſturbed in the quiet Poſſeſſion thereof, neither by *Nathaniel Newlin*, nor any other Perſon; and that the Commiſſioners had told *Nathaniel Newlin*, that it was in vain for him to pretend to that Land, let the Diſappointment be

1726. what it would, ſo long as the *Indians* laid Claim to the ſame, and would continue upon it; that after the *Indians* came up laſt Year, and made their Complaint, and a Re-conveyance
4th Mo. 1. was generally reported to have been given to the *Indians*, he went down to *Cheſter*, and took Certificates from all thoſe that were reported to have ſeen and known of ſuch a Writing; which Certificates he produced, and read in the Houſe, none of which did amount to any Certainty what that Writing did contain; but ſince they had an imperfect Idea of it, and a ſtrong Reſolution to hold it, the Commiſſioners had uſed ſuch Meaſures as they thought moſt likely to ſatisfy them, and continue them in the quiet Poſſeſſion of their Claims, and for that End ſaid they had agreed and accommodated the Matter with *Nathaniel Newlin*, as far as was in their Power to do at preſent; and then withdrew.

Then the Houſe, after ſome Debate, was of Opinion, that *Nathaniel Newlin* be ſent for, to give ſome further Aſſurance (than what is done by the Paper delivered Yeſterday) that he will not moleſt the ſaid *Indians* in their Claims.

Ordered, That *John Wright* ſend a Letter to acquaint him, that the Houſe requires his
Adjournment. his Attendance To morrow Morning; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

John Wright reported, that he ſent a Letter to *Nathaniel Newlin*, according to the Order of the Houſe.

Then the Houſe proceeded to take into Conſideration the Governor's Speech; and, after a long Debate thereon by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *William Biles*, and *John Wright*, be appointed to draw up an Anſwer thereto, and lay the ſame before the Houſe To-morrow; and then the Houſe
Adjournment. adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

4th Mo. 2. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to draw up an Anſwer to the Governor's Speech, report, that they had made ſome Progreſs therein; but before they could finiſh, it was requiſite they ſhould have the Peruſal of the Addreſs, ſent to the Deſcendants of the late Honourable Proprietary, and therefore deſire more Time to compleat the ſame; and then the Houſe adjourned till
Adjournment. Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Poſt Meridiem. The Houſe met, *&c.*

Nathaniel Newlin, not attending, according to Expectation of the Houſe, after ſome Debate, a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that if *Nathaniel Newlin* comes not to Town this Evening, he be ſent for by the Serjeant at Arms; and that an Order be forthwith iſſued under the Speaker's Hand, and the Serjeant diſpatched therewith this Evening? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

The Petition of *Arent Haſſert*, ſetting forth the Hardſhip he (with ſix others, moſt of whom are very poor) lie under, being obliged to pay *Twenty-one Pounds* to this Houſe, beſides other Expences, amounting to as much more Charges, on the Naturalization Bill, *&c.* humbly praying that this Houſe will take the ſame into Conſideration, and reſtore what Part of ſaid Money in their Wiſdom ſeems meet, was preſented to the Houſe, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of the Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, and likewiſe the Petition from *Cheſter* County, *&c.* were read a ſecond Time; and, after ſome Debate, the further Conſideration of them is referred to another Time; and then the Houſe adjourned
Adjournment. till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

4th Mo. 3. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Serjeant at Arms reports, that *Nathaniel Newlin* came into Town laſt Night, and will attend the Houſe this Morning.

The Members appointed brought in an Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech of the Thirty-firſt of laſt Month, which was read by Paragraphs, and debated, and ſome Alteration made, and is as follows, *viz.*

To Sir *WILLIAM KEITH*, Baronet, Governor of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, *&c.*

The humble ADDRESS of the Repreſentatives of the Freemen of the ſaid Province, in General Aſſembly met, this 2d Day of the Month called *June*, 1726.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

Aſſembly's Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech. *THIS Colony, by the Good Providence of Almighty God, hath been favoured with many ineſtimable Bleſſings ever ſince it was firſt ſettled; and the trading People, for the moſt Part, being careful to preſerve their Credit Abroad and at Home, acquired a good Reputation before, as well as ſince thy Acceſſion to this Government; but of late the Gold and Silver Currency falling ſhort to ſupport the Adminiſtration, and to carry on Trade, and anſwer other Occaſions, the Governor was pleaſed to relieve the Province, by joining with the Peoples Repreſentatives*

tatives to ſtrike a Paper Currency; and if the Governor's Character has in any reſpect ſuffered for his apparent Good-will to the People in that Part of his Conduct, we are heartily ſorry. 1726.

It is moſt agreeable to the Deſires and Concern of this Houſe, that the King's Majeſty's royal and moſt juſt Authority here over his Subjects has been aſſerted and maintained, and the Proprietary's juſt Rights ſupported. And this Houſe, by Addreſs to the Deſcendants of our late Proprietary in December *laſt, as well as at other Times, have acknowledged the Governor's good Offices to this Colony in the Courſe of his Adminiſtration, and the great Services he performed to the People in general, by his Care and Diligence in ſupporting the Magiſtracy, whereby the People called* Quakers *were reſtored to a Right which they ought to have enjoyed as at their firſt Settlement of this Country, but were laid aſide, becauſe they could not take nor adminiſter Oaths; ſo that the executive Powers of Government, with reſpect to Magiſtracy, were in a lame Condition at the Governor's Arrival, as he is pleaſed to obſerve.* 4th Mo. 3.

From whence we conclude, that the Body of the People, called Quakers, *here, are far from charging the Governor with being an Enemy to them, having repeated Inſtances of his good Wiſhes to them, by his prudent Care over them, equal to the reſt of the King's Subjects.*

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the ſame be tranſcribed, and ſigned by the Speaker, and ſent to the Governor? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Ordered, That *Edward Farmar*, and *William Biles*, preſent the ſame to the Governor.

Ordered, That the Addreſs to the Deſcendants of the Honourable Proprietary's Family (referred to in the preſent Addreſs to the Governor) be printed along with the Minutes, and is as followeth, *viz.*

The ADDRESS of the HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of the Province of *Pennſylvania*, in GENERAL-ASSEMBLY met, this 7th Day of *December*, 1725.

To the Deſcendants of our late Honourable Proprietary WILLIAM PENN, Eſq;

Sheweth,

THAT being met together, in order to conſider of our Provincial Affairs, we find that the General Aſſembly, laſt Year, addreſſed Hannah Penn, *Relict of the late Honourable* William Penn, *Eſq; and the reſt of the worthy Family, remonſtrating that ſuch Part of her private Inſtructions as would ſubject the Acts of Legiſlation, aſſented to by the Governor and Repreſentatives of the People, to the Negative of a Council, was contrary to the Law and Conſtitution of this Government; which Addreſs, we hope, is come to your Notice, and will receive a favourable Conſtruction, and procure us ſpeedy Redreſs.*

But underſtanding that our preſent Governor, Sir William Keith, *incurred the Diſpleaſure of the Family, and is like to be removed for paſſing the Acts which emitted a Paper Currency, and for not obſerving that Inſtruction, which the laſt Aſſembly conceived (and ſo do we) to be incompatible with the late Proprietary's Charter of Privileges to the People, founded upon King* CHARLES *the Second's Royal Grant.*

If theſe be the Cauſes of our Governor's Removal, we think ourſelves highly obliged, in Point of Juſtice to his Character, to ſignify, that what he did in both theſe Reſpects, was by the Advice and Concurrence of the Peoples Delegates, conſtituted by the ſaid royal Grant, to act with him in Legiſlation. His Reaſons for not complying with the ſaid Inſtruction, have been formerly ſent to the Widow Penn, *and others concerned, to which we refer.*

And what he was pleaſed to do in Favour of the Currency, the great Neceſſity, and moſt preſſing Importunities of the Inhabitants moved him, and the Aſſemblies of thoſe Times (according to the Examples of neighbouring Provinces, whoſe Caſh and Product (as well as ours) falling ſhort to make immediate Remittances to England *for the Goods which were wanted) did think fit to fall upon the Expedient of Paper Bills, to paſs among ourſelves, having not Caſh enough to carry on our domeſtick Affairs and Commerce: And likewiſe the Value of Lands and Country Product, being brought ſo low by the Scarcity of Money, and Decay of Trade, that many Families were likely to be ruined: Beſides, here was no Means left to ſupport Government but by an Exciſe, and taxing the Importation of Liquors, which cumber'd our Ports, and hindered Trade, and yet fell ſhort of anſwering the Publick Exigencies.*

Theſe and many more Inconveniencies are now removed; the Adminiſtration of Government well ſupported, without clogging the Importations; our Ports clear, Trade revived, and the honeſt Debtors reſcued from the Oppreſſion of their Creditors; the Value of our Country Product advanced, and the Ship-weights (ſome of whom, before this Currency was ſtruck, having left the Country for want of Work, and thoſe that ſtay'd having little to do) are ſince returned, and come into full Employment at their Trade; ſo that many ſtately Veſſels have been built, and more upon the Stocks, and ſeveral Iron-works are carried on; which, with divers other Inſtances of

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1726. 4th Mo. 3. *the Advantage this Currency has been to the Publick, as well as to thoſe who, both in City and Country, muſt have been ruined without it, we think may abundantly attone for this Part of the Governor's Conduct.*

We hope it will not diſpleaſe the Family, or any others that are concerned for the Welfare of this Province, if we give them a farther Relation of the good Offices our Governor has, in the Courſe of his Adminiſtration, performed to this Colony in general, which loudly calls for our thankful Acknowledgments; for, before he became our Governor, divers Murderers, and other Malefactors, in ſeveral Parts of this Province, were like to eſcape with Impunity: But he, to prevent a Failure of Juſtice in that Reſpect, was pleaſed to countenance and aſſiſt the Courts, to bring thoſe Evil-doers to condign Puniſhment; and, ſoon after, paſſed a Law, called, An Act for the Advancement of Juſtice, *&c. and was inſtrumental to obtain the Royal Sanction to it; which entirely ſettled the Manner of trying Capital Crimes, to the Terror of thoſe that thentofore made light of ſuch Offences.*

Much more might be ſaid in Favour of the Governor's Adminiſtration, which we omit, leſt we ſhould treſpaſs too much upon your Patience, hoping theſe ſhort Hints may be ſufficient to obviate Objections, and remove the Impreſſion that ſome Perſons have endeavoured to make on the Minds of ſuch as may be Strangers to the Circumſtances of our Affairs.

Signed by Order of the Houſe,

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

The Houſe being informed, that *Nathaniel Newlin* attended, he was called in, and ſaid, that he expected the Value, and not the Quantity only, of Land in Lieu of what the *Indians* claimed of his; and that he was to meet the Commiſſioners of Property this Afternoon, and then doubted not but they ſhould ſettle that Affair to the Satisfaction of the Houſe, and ſo withdrew; and then the Houſe adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon.

Adjournment. *Poſt-Meridiem.*

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Members appointed to carry the Addreſs to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and the Governor ſeemed ſatisfied therewith, and returned his Thanks to the Houſe.

Nathaniel Newlin attended; and being called in, delivered at the Table a Paper, ſubſcribed with his Hand; which being read, doth declare and promiſe, that neither he, nor his Heirs, will, by any Means, diſturb or moleſt the *Indians* in their Poſſeſſions and Claims.

Then, after ſome Debate thereon,

Reſolved, That the *Indians* be ſent for, and the Contents of the ſaid Paper explained to them, and Enquiry made, whether it be ſatisfactory to them.

Ordered, That *John Wright*, and *Samuel Hollingſworth*, acquaint them hereof, that they may attend forthwith: Who return, and and report, that they have been with the *Indians*, and they are now attending with their Interpreters; who being called in, the ſaid Paper was explained to them by the Interpreters; and they declared they were well ſatisfied therewith; and deſired that the ſaid Paper may remain amongſt the Records of this Houſe, and a Copy thereof given to them.

Ordered, That a Copy be made out accordingly, and ſigned by the Speaker, and delivered to them, and the Original lodged in the Houſe; which was done accordingly.

And the *Indians* further ſaid, that they had been very much diſturbed in their Minds, but that now they were perfectly eaſy, ſince they found that this Houſe would ſtand by them, and ſee them righted.

Adjournment. *4th Mo. 4.*

Then *Nathaniel Newlin* was called in, and he acknowledged the ſaid Writing to them, ſo they ſhook Hands together, and parted fully reconciled; and then the Houſe adjourned till Eight a Clock To-morrow Morning.

The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the Petitions laid before the Aſſembly this Sitting, relating to the Governor.

Then a Motion was made, and Queſtion put, that the further Conſideration of them be referred to the next Meeting of the Aſſembly? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

And then the Houſe went upon the Conſideration of the Time of Adjournment, and agreed to the firſt of *Auguſt* ſo called.

Ordered, That *Thomas Treſs*, and *Matthias Holſton*, acquaint the Governor, that the Houſe having done what Buſineſs lies before them, are inclined to obſerve the laſt Adjournment: Who return'd and reported, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, he was well ſatisfied with the Time of Adjournment, and deſires the Houſe would pleaſe to keep together for an Hour, for he had ſomething to lay before them.

Ordered,

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Ordered, That the Minutes of this Sitting be read and examined; which was done accordingly.

Then the Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of *Arent Haſſert*'s Petition; upon which, after ſome Debate about the Appropriation of the *Twenty-one Pounds* paid by him, and the reſt naturalized this Seſſions,

Ordered, That the Clerk deliver to each County Treaſurer *Seven Pounds*; which being counted out upon the Table, was delivered accordingly.

The Petition of *Silas Prior*, and *Ezekiel Harland*, ſetting forth, they had divers Times waited upon the *Indians* up to *Philadelphia* as Interpreters about the Affair of *Brandywine*, praying that this Houſe will conſider and order them Satisfaction out of the Provincial Stock, &c. was preſented to the Houſe, and read:

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred to the next Sitting of this Aſſembly.

A Meſſage from the Governor, by his Secretary, deſires the Attendance of the Speaker, and whole Houſe, immediately, at the Court-houſe: Accordingly they went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker aſſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor was pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which he had received, and delivered the ſame in at the Table; which being read, is as follows.

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

Governor's Speech.

'THIS probably will be the laſt Time that I ſhall have Occaſion to ſpeak in this Capacity to an Aſſembly of this Province; and therefore you muſt excuſe me if I declare my Diſlike of your Diſſimulation of the Truth, and the indetermined Form of Words which you have been unwarily prevail'd on to make uſe of in your Addreſs to me of the third Inſtant.---It is not Words but plain Facts upon which I pretend to lay the Foundation of my Character among you; ſo that when you are pleaſed to ſay, that by your trading People being careful to preſerve their Credit, they had acquired a good Reputation before as well as ſince my Acceſſion to this Government; you might with more Truth and equal Juſtice to yourſelves have acknowledged, that the Encreaſe of your Shipping, and the Bulk of your Trade, was never at any Time before ſo conſiderable as now; and that this happy Condition wherein you find yourſelves is chiefly owing to my having had the Courage to ſacrifice my own Intereſt, in order to pluck you out of the Claws of thoſe who aimed at nothing leſs than the Making a Monopoly of your Trade, and a Property of the People whom you repreſent.

'You are pleaſed to ſay, that by my Care and Diligence in ſupporting the Magiſtracy, the People called *Quakers* have been reſtored to a Right which they ought to have enjoy'd as at their firſt Settlement; but it would by no Means have derogated from your Probity, had you acknowedged that I was the Perſon who firſt procured the King's royal Sanction unto a Law, propoſed and paſſed by myſelf, which gave the People called *Quakers* ſuch a Privilege as they do not enjoy in any other Part of his Majeſty's Dominions; and that in further Eaſe to ſcrupulous and tender Conſciences, the ſame Privilege has, by my Conceſſion, been lately extended as far as even they themſelves thought fit to deſire it.

'In the Cloſe you are indeed pleaſed to own, in a cold Manner, that I cannot be juſtly charged with being an Enemy to the Body of the People called *Quakers*; and from hence it is obſervable, that the Force of Truth is ſo great, that at laſt it will overcome even the moſt artful Diſſimulation, and open the Eyes of the indifferent World to judge uprightly.

'I very well know, from a long Experience, that there are Men of Honour and true Probity amongſt you, who are juſtly grieved at many Things which they cannot help: I ſincerely congratulate with them in their impartial and generous Thoughts towards the Good of their Country; and notwithſtanding of what has happened, or may yet be further attempted, to diſcourage our honeſt Integrity, we cannot be deprived of the Satisfaction of knowing, that we have acted conſcientiouſly in the Publick Service; and in ſuch a Condition of Mind it will be eaſy to ſubmit, with Patience, unto whatſoever Event may come from the Hand of Providence.'

WILLIAM KEITH

Ordered, That the further Conſideration thereof be deferred till the next Sitting of this Aſſembly.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, and *John Kearſley*, be a Committee to examine the Minutes, and get them printed; and then the Houſe adjourned till the Firſt of the *Sixth Month*.

Adjournment.

6th Mo. 1. PATRICK GORDON, Eſq; Governor.

THE Houſe met, purſuant to their Adjournment.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Thomas Treſs*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that a Quorum of the Repreſentatives are met according to Adjournment, and are ready to receive what he ſhall pleaſe to lay before them; and then the Houſe adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning.

Adjournment,

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The Houſe met, &c.

The Members appointed laſt Night on a Meſſage to the Governor, report, that they delivered the ſame, according to Order; and the Governor was pleaſed to anſwer, that he ſhould have ſomething to lay before the Houſe this Morning.

The Committee appointed to audit and ſettle the Accounts of the Loan-Office, and ſink the remaining Part of Bills of Credit appointed to be ſunk, acquainted the Houſe, that they ſhould be ready to give in their Report very ſpeedily; but foraſmuch as there are divers Sums of Money become due from the Provincial Treaſurer, and Collector of Exciſe, &c. ſince the laſt Settlement,

Ordered, That they be continued to ſettle ſaid Accounts, and bring down the ſame as near this Time as they can, in order to lay before the Houſe before they break up; and that they have Power to ſend for Perſons and Papers, &c.

A Meſſage from the Governor acquaints the Houſe, that he is ready to receive them immediately at his own Houſe: And accordingly the Speaker, and whole Houſe, went to wait upon the Governor; and being returned, the Speaker reſumed the Chair, and reported, that the Governor had been pleaſed to make a Speech to this Houſe, a Copy of which the Speaker delivered in at the Table; which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Aſſembly,

'AFTER my Arrival here with my Family, I earneſtly wiſhed for the Opportunity your own Adjournment has now given me of ſeeing and ſpeaking to the Repreſentatives of the good People of this Province, whoſe general Character, for Sobriety and Induſtry, above many others of his Majeſty's Subjects, added much to the Pleaſure I received from our honourable Proprietary's Nomination of me to ſerve them and you in this Station.

'And I queſtion not, Gentlemen, but all thoſe who have a due Senſe of Gratitude for the Merits of the worthy Founder of this Colony, under the Crown, will be very well pleaſed to find, by my Acceſſion, that no Diſputes among his Deſcendants could diſable them from purſuing the common Meaſures, according to their undoubted Right, in ſubſtituting their Deputy for the Adminiſtration of this Government, nor prove any Obſtruction to the King's Approbation of their Appointment; his Majeſty's Concurrence is what all Men might rationally expect from a Sovereign whoſe innate Goodneſs, impartial Juſtice, and unwearied Vigilance, not only for the Security and Liberties of his Subjects, but for the general Benefit and Freedom of Mankind, have made him the Object of the Love or Terror of the Nations round him.

'And the Proprietary's Family, I aſſure you, Gentlemen, expreſs ſo ſincere a Zeal, and ſo tender a Concern for your Happineſs, that principally on this Foundation I hope to recommend myſelf to their Regard; for their Intereſt and yours they eſteem inſeparable, and conſider thoſe as no Friends to either who would attempt to divide them.

'From hence it is that I, in a great Meaſure, account to myſelf for their Choice of me before divers others who ſollicited their Favour; for knowing that I had been bred to the Camp, remote from the refin'd Politicks which often ſerve to perplex Mankind; and that an honeſt Plainneſs, free from Art or Diſguiſe, made up the Main of my Character amongſt my Friends and Acquaintance, the Honourable the Proprietaries rightly judged that ſuch a Perſon could form no Views but what would be openly avowed, and therefore be underſtood by every Man they would affect. This, notwithſtanding, might lay me under ſome Diſcouragement, leſt on nicer Occurrences I might fail in the Diſcharge of ſo important a Truſt; but I have ever been perſwaded, that to do Right is not ſo difficult a Taſk as ſome would render it. In Emergencies of Weight and Moment, I ſhall endeavour to fortify myſelf with the Advice of the Repreſentatives of the People, when it may be had, and at all Times with the Judgment of ſuch only as I can be aſſured have the true Intereſt of the Publick ſo ſeriouſly at Heart, that nothing private can interfere with it.

'To diſcountenance Parties, Diviſions and Factions in Government; to maintain Right and Juſtice; to promote Virtue; to ſuppreſs Vice, Immorality and Profaneneſs; to aſſiſt and protect the Magiſtrates in the Diſcharge of their Duty herein; to encourage legal Trade, and to uſe the *Indians* well, as they are plain, ſo they are the principal Matters I have in Charge. In all which, I ſhall depend on the Concurrence of the Aſſemblies of this Province, where any further Proviſion by Laws, to be executed for any of the ſaid Purpoſes, may be neceſſary; and on my Part, nothing in my Power ſhall be wanting to enforce their Execution.

'To tranſmit our Laws duly to his Majeſty's Privy Council, purſuant to an Injunction in the Royal Charter, and to have a proper Agent appointed, is another Article, Gentlemen, I am to recommend; and you will eaſily perceive this to be of ſuch Importance, that I promiſe myſelf it cannot fail of your ſerious Thoughts and Conſideration.

'Theſe Heads, Gentlemen, I judge neceſſary to mention together at this our firſt Meeting, which may now, or hereafter, at the moſt proper Seaſons, be duly conſidered; to which I ſhall only add, that to ſecure the Peace, and advance the Proſperity of the People of this

'this Province, and to concur with their Representatives in such Measures as may attain those Ends, being especially my Duty and Inclination; for what relates more immediately to myself, I shall so far depend on their Goodness and Justice, as to hope I shall never have Occasion 'to put them otherwise in Mind of it, but that we may on both Sides rest secure of an honourable Discharge of what is incumbent on us reciprocally to each other.' 1726. *6th Mo.* 2.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be referred to the Afternoon.

Ordered, That *John Kearsley*, and *John Swift*, go to the Rolls, and require a Copy of the Governor's Commission, and the King's Approbation, to lay before the House; and then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *Post Meridiem.*

The House proceeded to take into Consideration the Governor's Speech, according to the Order of this Morning; and having debated the same by Paragraphs,

Ordered, That *Francis Rawle*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, *John Wright*, and *Evan Owen*, be a Committee to draw up an Answer thereto.

Then the House entered into a Debate upon the late Governor's Speech, of the Fourth of the *Fourth Month* last, referred to this Sitting for Consideration; and, after some Time spent, the House came to a Resolve, that tho' the said Speech has given just Occasion of Resentment to the Representatives of this Province, yet, inasmuch as Sir *William Keith* is removed from his Administration, all further Debate in this Case is at present laid aside.

The Petition of *William Noble*, setting forth, that he became bound for one *John Huntsman*'s Appearance at the Court of Common Pleas, who was sued for a Debt of *Three Pounds*, *One Shilling*, and *Seven Pence*, but neglecting to appear, or give in special Bail, purposing to come down and pay the Debt and Cost; and for that Purpose soon after waited on *Ralph Asheton*, the Plantiff's Attorney, and demanded of him a Bill of Particulars, which was denied him; notwithstanding said *Asheton* proceeded against him, and obtained Judgment for the Debt and Charges, and thereupon took out Execution for *Fourteen Pounds*, *Nine Shillings*, and *Seven Pence*, for which Sum he is held in Duress; was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

A Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to an Act of Assembly of this Province*, intituled, *An Act against buying Land of the Natives*, was brought into this House, and read the first Time, and ordered a second Reading; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 3.

The Petition of *Elizabeth Fox*, setting forth the miserable Condition of herself and Children, and that she lies under Execution in the Goal, humbly prays Leave to bring in a Bill for the Sale of a House and Tenement, pursuant to her former Petition to this House; was presented to the House, read, and considered:

Resolved, That it does not lie before this House to grant Relief as her Estate is circumstanced.

John Kearsley, according to the Order of Yesterday, brought from the Rolls Office a Copy of the Governor's Commission, and the King's Approbation, which were severally read, and ordered to be deposited amongst the Records of the House.

The Bill, intituled, *A supplementary Act to the Act*, intituled, *An Act against buying Land of the Natives*, was read the second Time; and, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the said Bill be laid aside at this Time? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 4.

The Committee appointed to draw up an Address in Answer to the Governor's Speech of the second Instant, brought in the same according to Order, which was read by Paragraphs, and debated, and some Alterations made.

Then a Motion was made, and Question put, that the same be transcribed, and signed by the Speaker, in order to be sent to the Governor? *Carried in the Affirmative*, *N. C. D.*

The Petition of sundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, complaining against the Prothonotary for taking exorbitant Fees, refusing to give a Bill of Particulars thereof, and for sitting in both superior and inferior Courts of Judicature, and praying this House to take the same into Consideration; was presented to the House, read, and ordered to lie on the Table.

The Petition of *John Eyer*, praying to be recommended by this House to the Honourable *Patrick Gordon*, Esq; to renew his Commission for Serjeant at Arms; was presented to the House, read, and considered.

Resolved, That a Recommendation be drawn up, and the Speaker sign the same, in order to be sent to the Governor; which was done accordingly: And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternooon.

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1726. *6th Mo.* 4. The Houſe met, *&c.*

The Addreſs to the Governor, in Anſwer to his Speech of the ſecond Inſtant, being tranſcribed, was ſigned by the Speaker, and is as follows.

Aſſembly's Addreſs in Anſwer to the Governor's Speech.

May it pleaſe the GOVERNOR,

WITH great Thankfulneſs to Almighty God for preſerving thee and thy Family on your Voyage hither, we hold it our incumbent Duty to congratulate thy Acceſſion to this Government, and acknowledge thy Condeſcenſion in not requiring our Attendance before the Time of Adjournment.

We are heartily glad, that the Heir at Law, and Executrix of our late worthy Proprietary, had ſuch Regard to their own Honour, and Good of this Colony, as to appoint thee to repreſent them in Government, according to their undoubted Right; and it is obvious that his Majeſty's wonted Care and Juſtice towards his Subjects induced him to favour their Appointment, ſo that no Diſputes amongſt themſelves could obſtruct his royal Approbation thereof.

We are exceedingly pleaſed to underſtand, that the Proprietary's Family eſteem their Intereſt and ours inſeparable, and that they conſider thoſe as no Friends to either who would attempt to divide them; and we are of Opinion, that thoſe who act with an honeſt Plainneſs, free from Art or Diſguiſe, tho' they are remote from refined Politicks, yet may be the fitteſt to diſcover ſuch as attempt to divide the united Intereſt of the Proprietary and People: And the Governor is pleaſed to give us an Expectation, that, in Emergencies of Weight and Moment, he will endeavour to fortify himſelf with the Advice of the Peoples Repreſentatives: We hope it will prove the moſt effectual Means to ſupport the Intereſt of the Publick, as well as diſcover the private and ſiniſter Ends of deſigning Men.

The Governor may depend that this Houſe (and we hope all ſucceeding Aſſemblies) will heartily join with him to diſcountenance all Parties, Diviſions and Factions, whereby the eſtabliſhed Government of this Province is, or may be oppoſed; and ſhall delight to ſee Right and Juſtice maintained, Virtue promoted, Vice, Immorality, and Profaneneſs ſuppreſſed, and the Magiſtrates aſſiſted and protected in the Diſcharge of their Duty; and it will be no leſs pleaſing to us, and the good People we repreſent, that legal Trade be encouraged, and the Indians *well uſed; and as the Particulars are plain, and become the principal Matter which the Governor has in Charge (as he is pleaſed to intimate) ſo we have no Reaſon to doubt but he will exert his Authority in diſcharging that Part of his Truſt, and concur with the Aſſemblies of this Province in what they may think neceſſary and requiſite on their Part to be propoſed for any of theſe good Purpoſes.*

This Houſe has had it under Conſideration to pitch upon an Agent at Home; but it does not ſeem clear, that the Royal Charter enjoins the Peoples Delegates to tranſmit our Laws to his Majeſty's Privy Council; therefore we deſire the ſame may be further conſidered at the next Aſſembly.

And inaſmuch as the Governor is pleaſed ſo generouſly to acknowledge, that to ſecure the Peace, and advance the Proſperity of the People of this Province, and to concur with their Repreſentatives in ſuch Meaſures as may beſt obtain thoſe Ends, are equally his Duty and Inclination, we can do no leſs than aſſure him, that nothing ſhall be wanting on our Part to make ſuitable Proviſion for his Support; and we hope that ſuch as ſucceed us in this great Truſt will come under the like Care, honourably to diſcharge what may be incumbent upon them in that Reſpect.

Signed by Order of the Houſe, *per*

DAVID LLOYD, Speaker.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, and *Jeremiah Langhorne*, preſent the ſame to the Governor: Who being returned, report, that they delivered the ſame according to Order; and that the Governor returns his Thanks to the Houſe; and farther ſaid, that he ſhould make it his Buſineſs to ſtudy the Intereſt of the People; and that his Words and Actions ſhould always agree.

The Petition of *Silas Prior*, and *Ezekiel Harland*, requeſting to be conſidered for their Services as *Indian* Interpreters; was read the ſecond Time, purſuant to the Order of the fourth of *June* laſt; and after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered, That the Conſideration thereof be referred till their Account ſhall be exhibited to this Houſe.

The Houſe reſumed the Conſideration of the two Petitions relating to Sir *William Keith*, our late Governor, referred to this Sitting of Aſſembly the Fourth of the *Fourth Month* laſt; and, after ſome Debate thereon, the Queſtion was put, that the Houſe proceed further upon the ſaid Petitions? *Carried in the Negative.*

The Petition of ſundry Inhabitants of the City and County of *Philadelphia*, complaining againſt the Prothonotary, *&c.* was read the ſecond Time; and, after ſome Debate thereon,

Ordered,

1726.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow.

The Petition of *William Noble*, complaining against the Proceedings of *Ralph Assheton*, as Attorney at Law, *&c.* was read the second Time; and, after some Debate thereon, *6th Mo.* 4.

Ordered, That the further Consideration thereof be referred till To-morrow; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 5.

The Petitions referred to this Morning were considered; and, after some Debate thereon,

Resolved, That the Petitioners may have their proper Remedy against those that take exorbitant Fees, or refuse to give a Bill of Particulars, by a Law of this Province of the Ninth of King GEORGE, to which they were referred. And as to that Part of that Petition which complains against the Multiplicity of Offices in one Person, this House is of Opinion, that it be laid before the Governor for Redress, and a Message sent for the same Purpose.

The House resumed the Consideration of the Petition of *Silas Prior*, and *Ezekiel Harland*; and their Account, this Day exhibited, being read, and considered, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the Petitioners be referred to the Commissioners of Property for their Redress? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the House adjourned till Three a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *Post Meridiem.*

The House went upon the Consideration of a Sum of Money to be presented to the Governor towards Support of Government; and, after some Debate thereupon, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the Sum of *Four Hundred Pounds* be presented to the Lieutenant Governor, Major *Patrick Gordon*, in Part of Support of Government? *Carried in the Affirmative.*

Resolved, That an Order be issued on the Provincial Treasurer, under the Speaker's Hand, for the said Sum; which was done accordingly; and *Edward Farmar*, and *John Wright*, were ordered to present the same to the Governor; and also to carry a Copy of the Minute of this Morning, relating to the Prothonotary holding a Multiplicity of Offices.

Ordered, That *Evan Owen*, *John Kearsley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *George Assheton*, be a Committee to inspect the several Accounts of immediate Services, *&c.* exhibited to this Assembly; and then the House adjourned till Nine a Clock To-morrow Morning. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *6th Mo.* 6.

The Members appointed last Night to present the Governor with the Order on the Treasurer for *Four Hundred Pounds*, report, that they delivered the same accordingly; and the Governor returns his Thanks to the House for the same. And they likewise report, that they delivered a Copy of the Minute pursuant to their further Order; and the Governor answered, he would consider of it.

Richard Hill, and *William Fishbourn*, two Members of Council, waited on the House with a written Message from the Governor, which was read, and is as followeth, *viz.*

Mr. Speaker, and Gentlemen of the Assembly,

'I AM told, that upon the Accession of a Governor to this Province, our Friend and Neighbour *Indians* expect a Visit, with the usual Presents; and that they complain and murmur very much of their being neglected for some Years past, and say, that after we have got their All, they are despised. Governor's Message.

'I must therefore desire the House will please to take this into their Consideration, and make such suitable Provision on this particular Occasion, as may defray the necessary Expence of the Presents and Charges of my Journey thither.'

August 6, 1726. *PATRICK GORDON.*

And the said Members of Council likewise delivered a verbal Message from the Governor, desiring the House to be more particular in Persons and Things, and that nothing shall be wanting in him to redress any Grievance.

Then the House taking into Consideration the said written Message, after Debate thereon, a Motion was made, and Question put, that the same be referred to the Consideration of another Assembly? *Carried in the Affirmative.* And then the House adjourned till Two a Clock this Afternoon. Adjournment.

The House met, *&c.* *Post-Meridiem.*

The Committee appointed to audit and settle the Accounts of the Loan-Office, and sink Bills of Credit, *&c.* brought in their Report; and likewise delivered in at the Table the several Accounts from whence the said Reports were drawn, which were severally read.

Here follows the Report which was deferred for want of some Articles, *January* the 12th, 1725-26.

WE the Committee of Assembly appointed to settle the Publick Accounts, and to sink the proportionable Parts of the Bills of Credit lent to the Provincial Treasurer, and to the respective County Treasurers; and also to sink the remaining Part of the Payments due from the Mortgagers to the Loan-Office, report,

1726. Feb. No. 6.

That we have examined the Accounts of *Charles Read*, Collector of Exciſe, of *Six-pence per* Gallon on all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, and find the Amount thereof, from the 14th of *May*, 1725, to the 14th of *November* following, for the City and County of *Philadelphia*, to be the Sum of — £ 330 11 4½

Ditto for the County of *Bucks*, — 33 13 5

Ditto for the County of *Cheſter*, — 49 8 5

Which, with the Balance of laſt Account, ſettled the 14th of *May*, 1725, — 185 10 5

Makes the total Sum, — £ 599 3 8½

Towards which he hath paid the Provincial Treaſurer, 216 10 10¾

And his Commiſſions thereon, at *Ten per Cent.* for the three laſt Sums, — 41 7 3

And Error in *Thomas Pattiſon*'s Exciſe in laſt Settlement, *Five Pounds*, deducting Commiſſions thereon, *Ten Shillings*, — 4 10 0

And Caſh he paid *Charles Brockden*, *per* Treaſurer's Order, — 40 4 6

And Ditto paid *David Lloyd*, Eſq; — 28 8 0

Remains due from the ſaid Collector to the Provincial Treaſury, when the Whole is collected, 268 2 11¾

Makes the Sum Total, — £ 599 3 8½

We have alſo examined and ſettled the Accounts of *Samuel Preſton*, Eſq; Provincial Treaſurer, and find he hath received of *Charles Read*, Collector of Exciſe, the Sum of — 285 3 5

Of *Owen Roberts*, — 100 0 0

Of the Truſtees of the Loan-Office, in full of an Order on them for *One Thouſand Two Hundred Pounds*, 300 0 0

Which, with the Balance of an Account, ſettled and due to the ſaid Province the 25th of *July*, 1725, 237 12 2

Makes the Sum Total, — £ 922 15 7

Towards which he hath paid, ſince laſt Settlement, on the 25th of *July*, 1725, *viz.*

To ſundry Perſons, by Order of Aſſembly, 508 18 10½

To *Ezekiel Harland*, an *Indian* Interpreter, 5 0 0

And his Commiſſions thereon, at *Five per Cent.* 25 13 11½

Balance due to the Province the 6th of *Jan.* 1725-26, in full of all Orders iſſued to the Time, — 383 2 9

Makes the Sum Total, — £ 922 15 7

We have alſo received of *Philip Taylor*, Treaſurer for the County of *Cheſter*, the ſecond Year's Quota of *Three Hundred Pounds*, lent the ſaid County out of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* Emiſſion, being the Sum of 37 10 0

And of the ſaid Treaſurer (being one Year's Quota of *Three Hundred Pounds*, lent as aforeſaid out of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Emiſſion) the further Sum of 24 0 0

£ 61 10 0

Both which Sums we have ſunk and deſtroyed, as the Law directs. All which is humbly ſubmitted to the Correction of the Houſe, by

January 12, 1725-26.

ANTHONY MORRIS, JOB GOODSON, THOMAS TRESS, WILLIAM WEBB, ABRAHAM CHAPMAN.

Here

6th Mo. 6.

Here follows the Report of the Committee.

WE the Committee of Assembly appointed to settle the Publick Accounts of Excise, Provincial Treasury, and to compleat the Accounts, and sink the remaining Quotas of Bills of Credit, *&c.* report,

That we have examined and settled the Accounts of *Charles Read*, Collector of Excise, of *Six-pence per* Gallon, on all Wine, Rum, and other Spirits, retailed in this Province, and find the Amount thereof, from the last Settlement, being the 14th of the *Ninth Month*, 1725, to the 14th of *Third Month*, 1726, for the County of *Philadelphia*, is the Sum of	£	317	19	3
For the County of *Bucks* the same Time, —		26	11	1½
For the County of *Chester* Ditto (no Account from *Conestogoe* brought in for thirteen Months to the 14th of *May*, 1726) — —		46	5	4
Which, with the Balance of last Account, settled the 14th of *November*, 1725, due to the Treasury,		268	2	11½
Makes the Sum Total,	£	658	18	8

Towards which he hath paid the Provincial Treasurer,	417	0	3
And to the Account, Bounty on Hemp, —	66	7	10¼
And Allowance to *William Saunders*, who farm'd and laid down his Permit, — — —	1	0	0
And to *M. Garrigues*, insolvent, — —	3	10	0
With Commissions on the three first Articles, —	39	1	6¼
Remains due from the said Collector to the Provincial Treasurer, when all is collected, the Sum of	131	19	0
Makes the Sum Total,	£	658	18	8

We have also examined and settled the Accounts of *Samuel Preston*, Provincial Treasurer, and find that he hath received from the Trustees of the Loan-Office, at several Times (in Part of an Order of Assembly on them for the Sum of *One Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*) — —	974	12	8
And from *Charles Read*, Collector of Excise, at several Times since the last Settlement, *November* the 14th, 1725,	417	0	3
With Balance last Account, settled the 12th of *January*, 1725-26,	383	2	9
Makes the Sum of,	£	1774	15	8

Towards which he hath paid several Orders of Assembly since the last Settlement the 6th of the *Eleventh Month*, 1725, — —	1051	0	0
His Commissions thereon at *Five per Cent.* —	52	11	0
And paid this Committee the two Years Quota of *Two Thousand Five Hundred Pounds*, lent the Treasury out of the *Fifteen Thousand Pounds* Emission, —	312	10	0
And paid Ditto the first Year's Quota of *One Thousand Three Hundred Pounds*, lent out of the *Thirty Thousand Pounds* Emission, — —	104	0	0
Both which Sums, amounting to the Sum of *Four Hundred Sixteen Pounds, Ten Shillings*, were sunk in the Presence of the Committee.			
His Commissions on the said *Four Hundred Sixteen Pounds, Ten Shillings*, at *Five per Cent.* comes to	20	16	6
Remains due to the Province, in full of all Orders issued to the fourth Day of the *Sixth Month*, 1726,	233	18	2
Makes the Sum of,	£	1774	15	8

We have also received of *William Hudson*, Mayor of the City of *Philadelphia*, one Year's Quota of the *Three Hundred Pounds* lent the Corporation out of the *Thirty Thousand Pounds* Emission, which we have sunk according to Law, and is —	24	0	0
Carried over,	£	24	0	0

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	Brought over,	£ 24	0	0
And Intereſt thereon at *Five per Cent.* paid the Committee of Accounts for Services done by Order of the Aſſembly, is — —		15	0	0
			£ 39	0 0
We have further received of *William Fiſhbourn*, City Treaſurer, one Year's Quota of *Three Hundred Pounds* lent out of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Emiſſion, the Sum of		24	0	0
Of *Evan Owen*, Treaſurer for the County of *Philadelphia*, the ſecond Year's Quota of *One Thouſand Pounds* lent the County of *Philadelphia* out of the *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* Act, — —		125	0	0
And of the ſaid Treaſurer the further Sum (being one Year's Quota of *Ten Thouſand Pounds*, lent as aforeſaid out of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Act) of		80	0	0
Of *Jeremiah Langhorne*, Treaſurer for the County of *Bucks*, the ſecond Quota of *Two Hundred Pounds*, lent the ſaid County of the *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds* Act, the Sum of — — —		25	0	0
And of the ſaid Treaſurer the further Sum (being one Year's Quota of *Two Hundred Pounds*, lent as aforeſaid out of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Act) of		16	0	0
All which reſpective Sums we have ſunk, as the Law directs, amounting to			£ 270	0 0
We have alſo examined *Charles Read*'s Account, Bounty on Hemp raiſed in this Province, and find that he hath paid ſundry Perſons, as *per* Account, for Thirty-five Thouſand Six Hundred and Twenty-ſeven Pounds and a Half of Hemp, at *One Penny per* Pound, amounting to, — —		148	8	11½
Storage, — — —		2	0	0
Commiſſions on Thirty-five Thouſand Six Hundred and Twenty-ſeven Pounds and a Half, at *Twelve-pence per* Hundred,		17	16	3½
			£ 168	5 2½
And he credits the Province by Balance of laſt Account,		101	17	4½
By Account of Exciſe for the Balance, —		66	7	10
			£ 168	5 2½
We have alſo examined and ſettled the Accounts of the Truſtees of the General Loan-Office of *Pennſylvania*, and find that the Quotas of the principal Sums lent out on Loan for two Years, purſuant to the Act for emitting of *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*, being *One Thouſand Three Hundred Sixty-five Pounds, Seven Shillings*, and *Six-pence, per Annum*, amounts unto the Sum of		2730	15	0
And for one Year's Quota of the *Thirty Thouſand Pounds* Act, — —		2099	10	0
	Makes the total Sum,		£ 4830	5 0
From which they diſcharge themſelves by ſeveral Payments, made to former Committees, as *per* Receipts, and by them ſunk and deſtroyed, purſuant to the above-mentioned Acts, amounts to the Sum of		4656	12	6
And to us the preſent Committee, this 28th of the *Sixth Month*, 1726, the Balance (which we have ſunk as aforeſaid) being the Sum of — —		173	12	6
	Makes the Sum Total,		£ 4830	5 0
We have alſo examined the ſaid Truſtees Account of Intereſt, and find the Intereſt accruing on the firſt and ſecond Year on the Act for emitting *Fifteen Thouſand Pounds*, to be the Sum of — —		1024	0	7½
	Carried over,		£ 1024	0 7½

	Brought over,	1024	0	7½	1726. 6th Mo. 6.
And the first Year's Interest on the Act for emitting *Thirty Thousand Pounds*, the Sum of —		1312	3	9	
	Makes the total Interest,			£ 2336	4 4½
And they credit their said Account by their Salary for two Years allowed by the said Acts,		493	6	8	
And by an Article of *Seventy Pounds* out of the Interest lent out to *William Rakestraw*, and *Andrew Cornish*, which must be debted in their next Account of Principal,		70	0	0	
And also by more Interest to make the Sums divide even, and lett out, which must be debted as Principal in their next Account,		23	6	0	
And by several Orders of Assembly, amounting to		1310	3	10	
Balance remaining in the Trustees Hands,		439	7	10½	
	Makes the total Sum,			£ 2336	4 4½

All which is humbly submitted to the House, by

August 6, 1726.

ANTHONY MORRIS,
JOB GOODSON,
THOMAS TRESS,
WILLIAM WEBB,
ABRAHAM CHAPMAN.

By Order of the House this Committee are allowed for their Service herein the Wages of the House, amounting unto the Sum of *Fifteen Pounds*, as appears by an Article in their Report.

The Committee appointed to settle the Account of immediate Services in Assembly, *&c.* report, that they had examined and settled the same.

All which Accounts being delivered in at the Table, were severally read in the House, and considered, and some Alterations made;

Resolved, That the Speaker issue Orders, under his Hand, on the Provincial Treasurer for the several Sums therein mentioned, payable to the said Persons; which was done accordingly, and is as followeth, *viz.*

To *David Lloyd*, Esq; for immediate Service, — —	£	10	2	0
To *Charles Brockden*, for immediate Service, *&c.* —		15	12	1½
To *Samuel Keimer*, for printing the Votes of the House, —		8	0	0
To *Patrick Baird*, as Clerk of the Council, *&c.* — —		18	7	0
To *John Ramsay*, Door-keeper to the Council, *&c.* — —		1	4	0
To *Samuel Carpenter*, Salary for Half a Year, — —		15	0	0
To *Andrew Bradford*, for Printing, and Sundries, —		12	19	0
To *Thomas Leech*, for his immediate Service, — —		31	15	0
To House Rent, to Estate of *Jonathan Dickinson*, — —		5	0	0
To *William Fishbourn*, for Ditto, — —		1	0	0
To *John Eyer*, his Salary as Serjeant at Arms, — —		12	10	0
To *William Webb*, for immediate Service, — —			10	0
To *Robert Asheton*, Esq; his Salary as one of the Chief Judges, for the Year 1724-25, — —		50	0	0
All which, with the *Four Hundred Pounds* to the Governor, —		400	0	0
Makes the total Draught on the Treasury,	£	581	19	1½
Which, with other Orders issued this Year, —		1438	10	0
Makes the total Draught this Year,	£	2020	9	1½

An Account, intituled, *The Province of* Pennsylvania *Dr. to* Ralph Asheton, *for Examination of Witnesses, drawing Depositions and Indictments, and prosecuting for the King in three several Actions*, amounting to the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, is referred by the said Committee to the Consideration of the House; which being read and debated,

Resolved, That he be referred to the Commissioners of the proper County.

The said Committee likewise report, that they had examined and settled the Account of the Members Service in this Assembly:

Ordered, That the Speaker sign Tickets to the Members according to the Number of Days of their respective Attendance, and that the Clerk sign the Speaker's Ticket; which was done accordingly.

1726. 6th Mo. 6. The Houſe taking again into Conſideration the Governor's written Meſſage of this Morning,

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, *Jeremiah Langhorne*, and *John Wright*, wait upon the Governor, and acquaint him, that the Houſe are inclined to break up this Evening, and therefore (finding ſome Difficulty in anſwering his written Meſſage of this Morning) deſires it may be referred to the Conſideration of the next Aſſembly; and alſo that they acquaint the Governor more particularly of the Perſon and Matters complained of in the Petition which lies before the Houſe: Who being returned, report, that they delivered their Meſſage, according to Order; and the Governor anſwered, that he had nothing to object againſt the Houſe's breaking up, and is ſatisfied with the Reſolve of the Houſe relating to his written Meſſage; and that the Governor alſo ſaid, he ſhould take Care to do what was incumbent on him for the Welfare of the People of this Province.

Ordered, That *John Kearſley*, and *Job Goodſon*, be added to *Anthony Morris*, one of the Committee formerly appointed to apply to an Agent at Home to negotiate the two Laws about Paper Currency, to know of the ſaid Agent how far he has proceeded in procuring the Royal Aſſent to the ſaid two Laws.

Ordered, That the ſaid Members be a Committee to reviſe the Minutes, and get them printed.——*And then the Houſe roſe.*

The END of the SECOND VOLUME.

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